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Pioneer Presbyterian Missions  
West of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers  
and in Alaska.  
1856 - 1908.

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## THE REASON WHY.

Washington, D. C., 1904.

To my Friends:

Recently looking over files of old letters, that had been accumulating since 1850, with the intention of destroying them, I was surprised to find that many of them are of historic value both to the Presbyterian Church, and to the Country, and therefore worthy of preservation.

A number of the letters are written with poor ink which is fading and will soon be illegible. Others are written with a lead pencil on an inferior quality of paper, which is falling to pieces, and all of the earlier letters were written at a time when copying with a letter-press was rare.

To rescue and preserve these records of the activity of a church working to build up a Christian civilization west of the Mississippi River, it became necessary to copy the original letters, by typewriting, and then press-copy the typewriting. This has now been done.

As the letters have filled over eight thousand type-written pages, it was no small undertaking. Twenty-seven typewriters were employed for a longer or shorter periods. The larger number had other work and copied these letters when off duty in order to increase their income. They represented all grades of workmanship, good, bad and indifferent. Consequently many mistakes were made, which I have tried in the limited time at my disposal to correct.

In some letters the writing was so bad or ink so poor, that the best of typewriters could not make them out and I have been surprised at the patience and skill manifested by some of them in deciphering illegible scrawls. (I doubt if some of the writers themselves, could now make out their own letters).

If I could have had sufficient time, without neglecting more important work, I would have edited the letters and eliminated personal and private matters. It was to reproduce them in their original form, or not at all and I chose the original form.

In that form they give a true picture with the lights and shadows of the every day life of the heroic, God-fearing men and women, who with great self-denial, much suffering and many tribulations laid the foundations of Christian institutions and Christian stores west of the Mississippi River.

In this connection I regret to say that previous to 1885, my own letters were also sent out uncopied and can not now be



gathered up.

My correspondence since that time, has been copied into letter-press books, 20 volumes of which contain my private and 42 volumes, my official letters as United States General Agent of Education in Alaska. These official volumes are the property of the U. S. Bureau of Education.

The 20 volumes of my private letters, together with the original letters received by me since 1858 (as far as preserved) will be deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society located at Philadelphia. Of the two or three copies made of the original letters received, one set will be deposited in the Congressional Library, Washington, one in the Library of Princeton Theological Seminary, and one in the Library of Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Additional information concerning the same work is contained in a series of scrap-books, kept by myself since 1859, of which there are 21 volumes on Alaska (including 3 on the introduction of domestic reindeer into Alaska), Arizona 1, California, 1; Colorado, 3; Iowa, 1; Kansas, 1; Minnesota, 2; Montana, 1; Nebraska, 1; New Mexico, 4; Pueblos of New Mexico and Arizona, 2; Utah, 6 (including 3 on Westminster College), Utah and Wyoming, 1; Washington, Oregon and Idaho, 1; and 2 volumes of certificates of membership in various societies, appointments and other personal matters. These 48 volumes of scrap-books will be given to the Presbyterian Historical Society, with the exception of the three volumes on Westminster College, which will be given to that institution.

Other information of my work in Alaska is contained in "Alaska and Missions on the North Pacific Coast," Published by Dodo, Mead & Co., New York, 1880. "Among the Alaskans" by Julia McNair Wright, Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, 1883, and "Life in Alaska" by Mrs. Eugene S. Willard, (Edited by Mrs. Eva McClintock), 1884, Published by Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia. "The Rainbow's End Alaska" by Miss Alice Palmer Henderson, Chicago, 1898; pp. 195-224; "Doyle's Presbyterian Home Missions", pp. 99-136 and 195-224; Published by Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, 1902. National Geographic Magazine, Washington, D. C., Vol. 7, pp. 27-31. (1896), and Vol. 14, April, 1903, pp. 126-147. Smithsonian Report for 1902, Washington, D. C., pp. 613-623; Southern Workman, Vol. 33, April, 1904, pp. 209-215, Hampton, Va. "Our Western Archipelago", pp. 141-150, Scribner Bros., New York, 1895; "Musings by Camp Fire and Way Side," pp. 207-264, F. H. Revell & Co., Chicago; "Truth about Alaska". "The Land of Gold," pp. 168-181, 193-197, by Eugene McElwaine, 1901; "Our Day," Vol. 18, January, pp. 13-17, Chicago, 1898; "Temperance in Alaska," Published in "Standard Encyclopedia of Temperance and Prohibition", Chicago.

Also, in my nineteen annual reports on "Education in Alaska" Published in the Annual Reports of the U. S. Commissioner of Education, (1885-1904), and fourteen annual reports on the "Introduction of Domestic Reindeer into Alaska," published by the



United States Senate (1891-1904).

Additional information concerning my work in Alaska and other fields, will be found in the following publications: "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian," a monthly missionary paper owned and edited by myself at Denver, Colorado (1872-1882); "The North Star," a monthly missionary paper which I published at Sitka, Alaska (1897-1899); "Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions," pages 1036-37, in "Presbyterian Encyclopedia," published at Philadelphia, 1884. "Among the Pimas," p. 47, published by Ladies Union Mission School Association, Albany, 1893; "Pioneering in the San Juan," Revell & Co., Chicago and New York, 1899.

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Trusting that these letters may preserve the memory and deeds of the faithful men and women, who, during the last half of the nineteenth century, amid much hardship and constant self-denial, labored to establish churches and Christian institutions among the pioneers of the Western half of the United States; and through the record of their missionary zeal, kindle the enthusiasm and provoke to good works coming generations of Christian young men and women; and furnish future historians with many facts concerning the beginnings of the church in that vast region, that would otherwise have been lost sight of, and lead to a clearer understanding of some of the causes which have produced such large results in the establishment of strong Christian churches and healthful public sentiment, is the earnest wish and prayer of one, who has, through the abundant grace of God, been permitted to be a part of the work for half a century.

Your fellow worker in the Lord,

Sheldon Jackson.



1880.

January 1, 1880.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have a great variety of topics to write about, and hardly know where to begin.

I have not got the Montana papers copied yet.

As to the paper from the woman at Butte enclosed, that is about a match for some other things. Before I enter on the Las Vegas case, I will give you a few miscellaneous matters.

The two Cort brothers are appointed for Utah at \$1000 salary and necessary expenses to the field in which you can help them on Railroad fares etc.

Middleton, who expects to take a wife. Stout & McNulty, if he goes, the same salary and expenses. Middleton inclines to Greely and Evans. McNulty is fussy, but I guess there is some work in him. He thinks he does not want a mining field, but I am not sure he would first rate. I am not sure you would get him. It lies between you and Little, and Baird and Lyons.

Mrs. Kendall's Bread tray has come, and the "stone implements", many thanks.

Carruthers of Kansas has done good work for us there. He went to Kansas, I presume on account of a sick wife, and he wants to go to Colorado for the same reason. She will probably die there as Stanly's wife has done. I don't know where you can put him, certainly not where hardship will come to her.

A.D. Workman has done fairly for us. What does he want to come for?

Of Ford we have written of La Grange and Hoy, we know nothing.

Dr. Thomas is coming on to Washington. Has he asked you for letters to parties there? I shall write him, introducing him to Senator Terry and others. You had better commend him to your friends there, General Eaton, and others.

Thomas Thompson is Reverend, M.D., a capital self denying man, past his prime perhaps, not much of a preacher. As a laborer among the Mexicans or Mormons, I am not certain, he would do first rate service. I think you might inquire of some of his Co-resbyter. But I am pretty sure he



lacks as a preacher, but as a lover of the poor, and self denying laborer, I have no doubt.

Janeway I think is depending on Ouray.  
Otto M. Schultz "no good," ask Allen about him. His record is not good I believe.

As to Teitworth, if he comes into Presby with a full list of applicants for aid at that point, what will you do?

I congratulate you on the being nominated for the Moderatorship of the Assembly by the Evangelist of this week. What will Gray and Dr. Lindsly say. I will write Donaldson and Taylor as you suggest. We appointed Taylor yesterday.

Now as to Les Vegas, application came in for him yesterday. It was referred I shall write Annin a kind note and tell him that from all we can learn it seems desirable that he should make a change. But it is fair to inquire if Borden has any following. He may be an uneasy and uninfluential man. If you go there, investigate both sides fairly and with the least possible noise.

Roberts makes a suggestion, that Annin is the best Spanish Scholar in the Presbytery, and that he has the profound respect of the Catholics in all that country. I have something of that feeling. Mrs. Graham is writing to him to inquire if he cannot take his two daughters, and devote himself to teaching. You knew Robert has started a Training School at Taos. Could it not be transferred to Annin, or Annin to it. I hope you will go to Taos and see Roberts and his wife and talk about that School, and about El Rancho school and find out how it can be resumed and carried on. Put all these school questions together, and see if you can make a solution of the problems.

Tell Mr. Roberts we yesterday voted him the \$40. expense trip Pittsburgh. I think all the Schools should be looked at with reference to some higher Central Training School. Perhaps it ought to be at Taos. If not, where? We also extend this year the Commissions of Perea, Romero and Montoya. Dr. Thomas says "the Railroad" is completed to Almadenes and will be at Albuquerque shortly. It crosses about two miles above Isleta and continuous down the river and is pretty certain to be built West from Albuquerque and through Agua Azul, Winata and Westward.

Mrs. McFarland started home the 10th to hit the California at Victoria.

Mr. Eaton has letters from Brady at Victoria, and I from Dr. Lindsly. I received from you the "Silver Reef" paper this morning.

Now about the Corts. What shall we do with them? If you can't go with them, we must give them letters to Mr. Miece and Mr. McMillan and they must help locate them. Glad to hear that your family is better. They have really had quite a siege I believe this is all for to day.

Yours truly,

H. Kendall.



1880.

Willards, D. C.  
Saturday, A.M.

Dear Brother:

I see I have the total expenses for our Indian Work. Find it enclosed.

Now, if the Government and Mr. Eastman at the Navajoes have begun, and are carrying on a School at their own expense If the teachers are already there, why need we have anything to do with it while all is doing well. Why not let well enough alone. Look into that so as to report to me Monday for I want to lay the case before the Board at its meeting Wednesday.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Miles City, Montana.

Dear Sir:

We want a minister of the Presbyterian denomination here very badly. This town is growing up rapidly, and the Yellowstone Valley will have an immense immigration this coming summer, and yet there is not a minister to my knowledge within one hundred miles of here, of any denomination. I think that a very handsome subscription could be had here for the support of a minister, and for building a church. Of course it would be a small church building, and probably of logs at that, but it will be a start. I am informed it is no doubt true that the Catholic priest is coming up by the first boat and will take immediate steps to build a church building. If he gets on the ground first, he will largely take the cream of the Subscriptions, and I should like if possible to have some minister of the Presbyterian denomination here before him. Cant it be accomplished. Of course there are not many people of that denomination here now, but there are many coming, and speedily too. The people will heartly welcome the first minister who comes, no matter of what denomination he may be. There is'nt any minister to bury the dead even. I write this to you in haste, in the hope that something may be accomplished early this Spring.

Very respectfully,  
J.W. Strévell.



P.S. I am just in here from Illinois, and will do all in my power to help the cause along.

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Dear Brother:

This came for you to day; I am glad. If you can't go down and help make the selection, please notify Dr. Thomas and Menaul, and Ealy and Donaldson. If you do go down, confer with Dr. Thomas to whom I have written about the property.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

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121 Walnut Street,  
Evansville, Ind.  
Jan. 1, 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

The Synod of Indiana South meets in Walnut St., Church of this city next October. Sessions began Friday evening and continue over the Sabbath. I want to arrange for two rousing meetings during its sessions, one in the interest of Home, the other of Foreign Missions. Can you be here then? and upon what conditions will you come? It will be in the midst of a political campaign, but still I believe much good can be done. The Synod needs to be roused to more work.

Answer please as soon as convenient.

Yours fraternally,  
John Q. Adams.  
Pastor.

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1419 Lexington Ave., N.Y.  
January 2, 1880.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your card to hand yesterday morning. I regret that I can not see you to-day. I go to Hartford on the 11 A.M. train. I want to stop in New Haven on my returning. I shall not be back till Wednesday next.

Mr. Austin's family are anxious to start to Sitka. It is with much concern that they await the action of the Board. I hope that Mrs. Haines may see them and be well satisfied that they are the right sort of people to send to Alaska. Congress should give us some legislation at once and this is one of the topics concerning which I want to speak with you. I deeply regret that you have been treated by those who should have been your warm supporters, in such an unchristian spirit of jealousy. I want to see as soon as I return.

If you wish to address me at Hartford, please direct in care of D.R. Howe.

Yours sincerely, John G. Brady.



January 4, 1880.

Dear Brother:

Over a week has passed since I wrote this epistle, but I will send it as it is adding a few words in pencil. I have not had the opportunity of sending a letter for three weeks, the last mail being sent out without any notice to any of us. I had a council with nine chiefs representing some five of the villages. We were in council about three hours, had a very interesting time, and I am quite sure good will result. They express themselves anxious to see the school in progress here, and promise to send their children as soon as we are ready to take them, but they say that they cannot send their children so far away as the East is, and after I had put it before them in the strongest light possible, they made some answer. We had a good deal of other chat however that was satisfactory. Mr. Keam was most accommodating in rendering his service in the matter. Mr. Sullivan's principle bondsman is on here, and I think that the result of his visit will be a speedy vacancy of this office.

It may not be, but I know that this bondsman is not pleased with the course things are taking, and I think that he will withdraw his bond, and as he was months securing the bonds before, think it probable that he cannot get others. Will keep you posted. How I wish you could come in and see us and learn more definitely of affairs. Have not heard from the Board since I came in. They ought to write me at least once a month. I do not know what they would have me do in the matter but I shall insist on the work being put under way for the building at once. He only expects to make it one story and we shall have to build again

-----A. H. Donaldson.

Laguna Valencia County,

January 5, 1880.

Dear Friend Dr. Jackson:

I have received your letter sometime ago and am glad that your little girl is getting quite well again. Our hands are full of work here at Laguna. The Ladies of New Jersey have sent us printing material to the amount of \$1000 or over, and as soon as we get it we expect to enlarge our paper by as much as 70 pounds of type will set. I hope our paper is being a great help in the Mexican work. We devote all our space simply to teaching. I wanted to see you very much in regard to our paper. I would like to get some small cuts for it, but cannot buy them myself. I thought that our Board of Publication might have many such cuts that are only melted up, which we might get at the price of old type, if there was some one to interest the Manager to save and send as small, chaste, useful illustrative cuts of Birds, Beasts, Fishes, Bible and home illustrations. We need for



for both our Indian and Mexican work. It would be a great help to our work if you can procure us such cuts either the loan of one, two, or three each month or old ones at a small cost. In either case send by mail or freight. There is an item, which I suppose you have altogether forgotten. I paid Mr. W. Burgess at Laguna \$12.25 (I believe) for freight on your pottery from Santa to Albuquerque. I sent you Mr. B's receipt at the time. I afterwards paid Mr. Newlin of Albuquerque \$2.00 as storage and commission on the boxes Total \$14.25. It was Dr. Ealy's place to pay for and forward the boxes; but he made me responsible without meeting the charges thereof. By and by I hope to give you a fuller statement of our years' work.

Very kind regards to Mrs Jackson and yourself,  
 Your Servant in Christ,  
 John Mensel.

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 Olympia, January 3, 1880.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

The following action was taken by the Presbytery of Puget Sound at its fall meeting.

Resolved that the Presbytery of Puget Sound, while recording its thanks to Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., for the great interest manifested by him in the Mission work of Alaska Territory requests the Board of Home Missions to send him to Washington, City with instructions to prosecute the Claims of the natives of Alaska before the Department of the Interior for a share of the fund annually expended in the maintenance of Industrial Boarding Schools, among the Indian tribes of the United States.

By dint of much writing and patience waiting, I have at last got hold of the Resolutions, as published in the Seattle paper. The report was furnished to the paper by our Assistant Clerk, elected for the purpose of preparing a report for publication so that I expect it is exactly correct.

Praying that all good things may attend you, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

J.W.R. Tompson.

P.S. I have this evening enclosed the printed copy of resolution to the Board of Home Missions, in a letter with the Resolution marked. I have sent to our clerk for two certified copies of it, one for you, and one for the Board.



1880.

Phenix, Arizona,  
January 5, 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Dear Brother:

I received your letter sometime since, as also your photo for which thanks.

I really do not know what to say with reference to the work and my staying with it in this place or territory. If I knew that the Board were satisfied with my efforts here, I perhaps would be better contented. I wish you would inform me what the Committee and members of the Board seem to think of the field. One thing is certain, it will be nothing more than a mission field for sometimes to come. The Territory is so large that the people scatter or spread over it very sparsely, although many thousands in the aggregate.

From newspaper reports, I must be the only representative of our church in the Territory, as I have been informed that Rev. Anderson preached his farewell sermon the first Sunday in last month. Although I know nothing definite of the troubles in Tucson, they have been injurious to us at that place if I may judge from remarks made by a party from there.

"That girl" seems to be in a quandry. She has traveled but little and is unwilling to venture such a long journey alone. She also says she is fearful she might not be entirely satisfied so far away from home, as she is much of a mama's girl. Hence leaves the question open seemingly having much regard for me, and at the same time feel the weight of the responsible position of a home missionarie's wife. I esteem her the more for that. I do not doubt but she will succumb if I go after her, although she wishes I were "handy to New York City". Should you have leisure, I would like if you would call on her and the family, # 4 Second Street, five blocks below Cooper on the right going up the Bowery, some of the Street Cars I think run by the mission house or only one block east of it, which will take you by their door almost, as it is the first dwelling off Bowery. The young ladie's name is Lillie J. Flynn, although the name of Jarvis is on the door plate. She and her mother are members of 14th and Second St., Presbyterian Church. The last year she has been organist at Olivet Chapel where for several years she has been a teacher in the S.S., as well as in 14th Church. A call from you I think would please them, and as I will write to her concerning you, you will not need a letter of



introduction. Apropos to this I would say that if I remain here it seems-almost necessary that I enter the matrimonial toils, I cannot talk to a young lady but someone is making a match of it. And when at our last communion a young lady connected herself with the Church Satan's emisaries? said she did so to catch the minister, although we had never been in each others company, except as I called at her sisters' who is a member of the Church. An old lady also has been offering me even her assistance, and tells me I could accomplish one half more than I do if I had a wife, that she believes the people would do more for me than they now do. Well I suppose you know how it is yourself. I don't know but that I have a portion of the community down on me for my opposition to some of their arrangements. There was a Ladies Literary Society formed, which I at first encouraged, but they got to holding their meetings Saturday nights and keeping them up late, and it had an injurious effect upon the S.S., and church attendance whereupon I asked certain of the leading ones to change the evening, and as they would not, I have opposed them. Whether I have acted discreetly, I do not know. I despise policy, and am generally outspoken for which I generally get credit. I am not much disturbed and think in the end the Society will collapse. I have in mind to accompany this letter with a contribution to the R of P. I wrote some month ago, but never saw it published.

Let me hear from you, especially with reference to the Board's feelings on Arizona.

Yours truly,

William Meyer.

P.S. Since writing the above a meeting has been held in my room of the male members of the Church, and steps taken to incorporate in order to acquire and hold property as a Church. Two young men are intending to erect a carpenter and repair shop and some of the citizens think that perhaps they can raise, if not the full amount, at least so much, as will justify them to put a hall over the shop. It is thought this will be cheaper as the carpenter only asks us to furnish them with the extra material it requires to build the sides and floor as they would have had to build the roof over their shop anyway. The cost of the material will be \$400. Times are very dull as you may judge when the sheriff has only succeeded in collecting 25 per cent of the taxes. I am amazed to hear of men who I thought were well to do to be almost swamped. I have written to the Board of Church erection whether they would assist with from \$100 to \$5000. I feel that unless we get a church home, it is almost a waste to remain here considering it from a financial standpoint. I write this thinking that you could second my efforts with Dr. Wilson. I am aware you are not superhuman nor have all power with the Boards, but do what you can. Dr. Wilson knows what security we offer. I think I will not write a contribution to the R.M.P. until I see what can be raised for the hall. W.G.



Silver Cliff, Col., Jan. 8, 1880.

My dear Brother Jackson:

You asked me at Colorado Springs to surrender my field. Why did you ask? I cannot surrender. The work is all inviting. Am now just prepared for work. Have built two churches the past nine months. Both are paid for. Both are out of debt. We now have church property in Custer County valued at three thousand dollars - yes, four. We dedicated the Silver Cliff Church two weeks ago. Had a crowded house. We are now spending Week of Prayer. Have good meetings, average attendance so far about thirty.

Have just entered upon pastoral visitation. Have visited and prayed in fifty families. Never saw more need of such work. Am going right on till I get through the whole city. Will then begin in Wet Mountain Valley. Have also a church under way at Bassickville. Raised the largest collection there last Sabbath night of any since coming to this county. Had an audience of about seventy five. One man promised four thousand feet of lumber for church. So much work has the Lord opened here to my hand, that I scarcely know how to turn.

Now my dear Brother, why should I run away from this work when Silver Cliff, and Ula, and Bassickville are all united. I cannot do it. The Lord calls, and I must do his bidding. God giving me grace, I will not go to Taishish.

Am very sorry that there should be any feeling against me, either in Pres. or the Home Board. Know not the cause. Have all my life known only "Christ and Him Crucified". If any Brother has done more for Christ, I am only too glad. My commission has now run out, owing to the Pres., endorsing for six months instead of one year. Very good. I shall not again ask. I can work for the Master and live on crumbs. Had they continued my support six months longer, I would have built up here a self supporting field. Blessed be God for persecution. It drives from man to Christ. Remember Rosita only is vacant. I pity the man you send there.

Fraternally

W.P. Teitsworth.

Our church here holds 300. Always full. God has been good. Blessed be his name.

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Evanston, Wyo., January 8, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.,  
My dear Brother:-

Last Tuesday I was called to Echo City to attend a funeral and then learned more of "Parks City" than I had



ever known before. It seems of the utmost importance that the field should be occupied at once. During the past three or four months, I have suffered much with the Erysipelas, some of the time have been unable to leave my room, however I have been able to preach most of the time.

Mr. Landes of the firm Beckwith & Landes tells me there are some very nice families at Parks City. If I was in my usual health, I would go there immediately. Mr. Landes says the town is growing, and the mines developing wonderfully. I have written to McVee to see if some one of the brethren cannot go to Parks City soon: if not I will try and go and spend a week or so. The Stage leaves Echo daily. My dear Brother, I am very thankful to be able to say to you there are some unmistakable signs of the Holy Spirit convincing and converting persons in my congregation, and this among some of our very best citizens. Our congregations all large and very attentive. On Christmas eve we were greatly surprised and our hearts made very glad by the gift of a most beautiful "Silver tea Set". I am told those who have seldom been at church were the foremost in getting this beautiful gift. Mrs S. joins in kind wishes, please remember us kindly to your wife, and children.

Yours most truly,  
F.L. Arnold.

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Clinton, Wis., January 8, 1880.

Dear Brother:-

I have published your article on Alaska, and added to it selections from your letters, and struck off 100 extra copies for you to circulate, if you want. If you would like a cover, please let me know. The cost will probably be about \$1.00.

I am hoping that you will be able to send me the Electro-types of the cuts on the Pueblo villages etc. I am willing to pay the cost if I can get them, but summer after summer passes, and I seem to be no nearer now than I was a year ago or more.

There are some points in common in our work, yours being likely to increase scholarships among missionaries, ours being calculated to give somewhat of a religious direction to the scholarships of the specialists. "Qui Bone". I am sorry that that question should be the virtual answer so many times from religious people, but it matters not our work will be appreciated by and by. A work which extends itself in a lifetime is not worth much.

Yours respectfully,  
Stephen D. Peet.

Can you send us a list of your missionaries in the West?



Zuni, New Mexico, January 9, 1880

Dr. Jackson;  
Dear Brother:-

I am glad to say that another little Zuni child has been brought to our house to be baptized. December 27th, I baptized her (1879). Her name is Grace Kennedy, after a little girl who died in N.J. Her uncle of Bergen Point, N.J. sent us \$50, and pledges the same amount for her support each year.

Lord help us to lead her into the light of Thy Truth.

Your fellow servant,  
F. T. Ealy.

P.S. What about the S.Housh?

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January 9, 1880.

Rosita Custer County, Colorado.

Rev. Dr. Jackson;  
Sir:-

I have in my hand your letter of December 1st to Mr. Dale in regards to calling Brother McClain. I would just say that Brother Taitesworth says he is going to supply the Church at Silver Cliff and Blay the coming year, and the Church at Rosita cannot support a minister. The Rosita Church is in a very low state, and I would be very glad if you would come and spend a few days with us and see for your self the state of things here. I would be very glad if we could have preaching every Sabbath in Rosita. There are but two Elders at Rosita one of whom was elected when Brother Taitesworth organized the Church here. The Church here did not unite on Brother Taitesworth, so Rosita has no Presbyterian preaching. Please come to Rosita and preach one Sabbath for us and stay as long as you can.

Your Brother in Christ,  
A.C. Covert.

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January 10, 1880.

Dr. Jackson;  
Sir:-

I have heard from Mrs Scovel this (Saturday) afternoon only, there are some complications you will have to come on here to arrange further.

Cincinnati Annual Meeting, first Tuesday in March. I write on a venture, hardly thinking this will reach you.

Blairsville Presb on which Pittsburg meeting depend on you, put W. to last of February or first of March perhaps.

F. E. H. Hain.

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Anima C. January 12, 1880.

Dear Brother:-

I wish to ask you, please, to instruct me a little. Would you please tell me if next Spring, when I go to



Presbytery if it will be absolutely necessary for me to bring the Session book along? It was examined by you and brother D., when you were here. It will be a cumbersome thing for my trip.

Also I want to ask you about a renewal of my commission as I leave this place in the spring. What must the session and trustees do about applying for a minister. Is it necessary that they make application and what do I do as to this matter in going from here to a new field?

If I go east in March as I want to do (if I can save enough by boarding myself) can I know before I go where my destiny will be when I come back? Rice has a S.S. started by a friend and former room mate of mine.

I got many fine presents on Christmas Eve. Mr. Kippert and wife made me a very fine one. Fagosa is to have the R.R. It is a large place now.

The Railroad passes right in front of Mrs. Neoughs house. Mrs. True is a great help to me, she intends uniting with us.

The people here are becoming uneasy lest when I leave in the spring they are without a minister. My place must be supplied at once when I leave, or it may become a serious matter to us.

I am having temperance meetings now. There is some interest.

Our Church looks beautiful now, since it is repaired and decorated by the women.

Where is Smith now, is he yet at Ourex?

I wish if you can, you would get me half fare orders as far as Council Bluffs or Omaha. I wish to go to St. Cloud, Minn. assets, to see an aunt of mine, then down the lakes home. It will be cheaper.

My kindest to your family and all the brethren,  
Yours in Him,

W.C. Beebe

January 1885.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I had a large box and a bundle sent to you at Albuquerque yesterday, as by receipt, which I send you. I should think your missions would all be well supplied if this thing keeps on, but I am satisfied the whole Indian work will soon come to us whether Dr. Lewis wishes it or not. I sent from the Nez Percés yesterday asking for lawyer to be sent to them, and I think the board will take him, at least I think they should. There is danger of trouble in the Indian Territory from the foolish attempt to colonize a portion of it, if that project is not checked soon it will be difficult to prevent bloodshed somewhere, and then no man can know the result.



Please let me know if the various articles shipped to you reach their destination in safety. The money you sent came to hand. All right.

Yours fraternally,  
T. Hill.

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Ft. Wrangell, Alaska  
Jan. 1880

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother;-

"+++When we were enjoying Toy-a-att's feasts a few weeks since we never dreamed that the mission grounds of Ft Wrangell would be stained with his and poor Moses' blood. The morning of the 14th of Jan. I was about going out of the back gate to school when I heard the war hoop and looking out, I found the wild indians looking in with their guns and painted faces. You may be sure I was not long in shutting and barring the gates. I then went up on the upper porch with the girls where I could over look the fight. I saw both Moses and Toy-a-att fall. Mr. Young was in the midst of the firing and yet escaped unharmed, although a bullet just whizzed past his face. The skirmish took place just in front of Anstlash's just beyond that of Moses.

The enemy had a war dance in Moses house and broke up all the furniture. Poor old Toy-a-att brother was frightened and came peering out of a house holding his hand over his eyes when a bullet struck him senseless. Toy-a-att was in the fore front of the fight, a brave christian man. The indians have a way of jumping about to avoid the bullets, but Toy-a-att walked up with his commanding presence and fired when in a flash he was himself shot and fell dead at Mr. Young's feet. Mr. Young was himself shot at but was not injured. We were very glad to accept the protection of some white men who were armed and stood guard for us.

But for the interference of the white men, we would have had another fight last week. I have not had any school since the fight but will resume next week.

Ever your friend,  
Maggie Dunbar.

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Ft. Wrangell, Alaska  
Jan. 1880

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.  
Dear Brother:

Mrs. McFarland went down on the steamer for a change and rest.



Miss Dunbar has shown herself a complete success. She is a genuine teacher, "born to rule".

Dr. Corlies still fills the double office of ministering to the souls and bodies of whites and Indians and is a success in both branches. Mrs. Corlies has adopted a bright little Indian girl.

My trip among the northern tribes greatly improved my health. My work is more severe and harrassing than ever before. I am often much perplexed.

On Jan. 4th we held communion and received six on profession of faith, among them was Tillie, the eldest of Mrs. McFarland's girls. The winter has been the severest known for years the mercury reaching 4° below zero. This has caused a suspension of the work upon the home, but this week it is resumed. The siding is all up, the roof and two floors completed and the partitions stretched across.

G. Mill Young.

Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico  
Jan. 15, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I want to ask a favor of you, will it not be possible for you to come to Laguna in the spring, buckboards will be put on this road next month so you can come all the way by public conveyance, and I do think you will feel paid for your trip if you come and we all need a visit from you. Our home is a busy hive now. Mr. Romero and his wife take hold of the work with a will, and seem very contented in their new home, the Indians like him very much.

With our school monthly paper and its supplements, the printed matter for the school and Uncle translating I do not have many spare moments aside from my five hours daily in the school. I spend from ten to twelve hours every week in teaching the girls to sew and knit &c. Since the middle of Sept. I have made for the Indian children forty seven garments and cut and basted for the children to make in school seventy eight more. I am quite proud of the appearance my school makes now, the children are as neat and clean as children in any country town.

Uncle is translating McGriff's first reader from English to Laguna. The older scholars have learned to read so well to have a bible lesson in the sabbath school and they enjoy it very much and ask the strangest questions they any one ever heard I know. The people have elected Robert Marnon, Gov. this year and I think it is going to be a very good thing for the school and our work in general. I has elected for under officers, Indian men that will work for the good of the people. The Meseta people have united in a great measure with this part



again and we hope to be able to win over some of the Roman Catholics before the year is out. The people have there wheat all planted and their Asequis work done already. The entire Pueblo seems to be in a more prosperous condition than it has ever been before.

Now for another subject, will there will a vacancy any where in New Mexico or any new place to be filled next year. I have a friend at Knoxville who wishes very much to engage in the work here, she is a good christian girl and one which I think would succeed in the work. She is a splendid musician both vocal and instrumental and has been a successful teacher at home; should there be any place and you think best to give it to her please let me know. I will also give you her address should you wish to write her, Miss Bessie McCracken, Knoxville Knox Co. Ill.

Could there not be a box got for Mr. Reomaro's family they very much need a little help, some clothing and bedding, the family are Mr. and Mrs. R. one little girl five years old and a baby one year old also a woman whose home is with them, she is a girl that Mr. R's. father raised and since his death lives with this son, she is a Navajoi by birth; but all the same she is going to be very useful here not only to them but to us as Mrs. Menaul is not very strong and I have sometimes more than is possible for one woman to do. Dr. Thomas has succeeded in getting me some more material for my school work it has arrived since I began to write.

We have had no cold weather this winter and it is so warm during the middle of the day that one is very comfortable without fire. It is so dark I must stop writing.

Uncle wishes to be remembered to you and do please try to come and make us a visit in the spring.

Your Friend and Sister in Christ,  
Mary L. Perry

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Jan. 16, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Are you still east? and if so, when are you coming home, and can you stop in Pittsburgh? Perhaps you have made arrangements to do so, I know not.

I wish you could be in our pulpit some sabbath morning. We need you.

Then a number of our best workers there expect to go to Nebraska (vally county) some in April, others later. Have purchased land and will remain there. They will be a grand acquisition to the Presbyterian force in that part of the country.

Were you or some live missionary (Home) to stir us all up it would be a blessed thing for us in view of there going, and our loss of them. There are several families of them, the very best workers in the church.



As I have not troubled you lately with my scratchings I make bold to write you this and address you at Cincinnati that you may receive it sooner.

Believe me your friend,  
E. J. Paxton

79 Adams st.

Allegheny, Pa.

P. S. Perhaps we can have a convention, I see Mrs. Scovel so little she may have arranged it.

E. J. P.

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Jan. 18, 1880

Dear Sir:

Since writing the forgoing I have heard of Mrs. Haines talk of coming, you may know of it. It will be delightful to have her here. But she will talk to the ladies only and down town. We whose churches are far out (with a very few exceptions) will not hear her. I talked with our minister Rev. Mendenhall today and he said he would be very glad indeed to have you in his pulpit, and my letter was at first written by request of our missionary societies of our church. Then Rev. Fulton in this neighborhood would like to have you in his pulpit very much.

Now your friend Rev. Ellinwood was here not long since, consequently you were not invited to come by those ladies in authority. This I have learned indirectly and learned it too since I wrote the first part of this letter. I write all so you may have an understanding of all things. Nobody unwilling that you should come at all, but as I take it Dr. E. wants you to stay away.

I hope you are east and can come. Please write me and oblige us.

Yours in Christ,  
E. J. Paxton

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San Juan Is. W. T.  
Jan. 17, 1880

Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Sir:

I've resolved in a few words to make a plain statement to you.

When you requested me sometime ago, to write you a full account of my field for publication. I was about doing it, when a certain divine advised me to abandon writing for the E. M. P. which advise I thoughtfully entertained, and wrote you (I must confess) an ungrateful letter, which, I have since many times regretted. "To err is human, to forgive divine". Now I have great respect for you, and shall never cease to feel grateful to you for your past favors, and trust that you



will overlook all, and be my good friend as in days gone by.  
I hope to send you a communication occasionally, if acceptable.

With much respect,

E. J. Weekes

P. S. No response yet, to your kind appeal for and toward the purchase of our much needed bell. I do hope that we will yet get it, as it is looked for (having told the people of your generous promise) and a bell is much needed.

We cannot get one ourselves as (owing to a part failure in there little crops) they are unable to pay a sum of \$300 yet owing on church building and which the people would have paid had they been able. Now I am responsible for the amount with nothing to meet the indebtedness.

The board of church erection have aided us most generously, giving \$700, the building costing \$1650.

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Waukegan, Ill.

Jan. 18, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

I am still detained at Waukegan and may be kept from going to New Mexico, as I intended. There are a good many vacant churches in the vicinity of Chicago and friends are trying to persuade me, to give up going away, save for a vacation a pleasure trip to the south. And then after I am rested and built up in health they wish me to come back and settle here. I am pondering the matter, thus unexpectedly brought before me and while pondering it would like to hear again from you with regard to New Mexico and especially regarding Albuquerque.

What is its population, what proportion is American, How many Prot. churches are there, and what would be the probable strength of the proposed Pres. church, Is there a Cong. church there? On many accounts I would prefer Albuquerque to Silver City. It being nearer and on a railroad line. The trip to New Mexico, even with a half fare permit is expensive and I hesitate about making it on great uncertainties. What ever may be my decision (and I hope I shall be guided a right both as health and usefulness)) I am grateful to you for your kindness in endeavoring to open some field of service for me.

Remember me to Mrs. Jackson.

Hoping to hear soon I am

Yours Fraternally,

Edward H. Curtis



Animas City

Jan. 19, 1880

Dear Brother:

Yours from N. Y. was received. Am glad about a man obtained for Rico. He can't get in any too early.

A man name unknown from Opler preaches there now.

Snows between here and there are tremendous hence don't see how I can get in there before March and even then it will be dangerous and difficult. It is almost impossible on snow shoes and I know nothing of that mode of travel, nor will it do for this church to remain long without a supply in my place. Have large audiences, Sunday school and singing.

Many thanks as to half fares. If one of my appropriations this year could be increased to \$200 I would not feel so cramped for spring locomotion.

W. C. Beebe

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23 Centre st. New York

Jan. 19, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have heard definitely from Mrs. Scovel and have promised to be with her at Pittsburgh and Blairville Pres. (D.V.) on Feb. 17th and 18th.

Now I could go to some friends in Columbus, Ohio for a few days and attend to letters etc. there, or I could come home before going to Cincinnati, but perhaps you know of some individual churches where the women would like a meeting, or shall I retrace steps in part, and meet you in Harrisburg Synod I leave it for you to arrange. Dr. Roberts expects to go to Washington this week to be there on Wednesday on colonization business and has asked for your address there. I do not remember whether he goes Tuesday day or Tuesday night.

Yours Truly,

F. E. H. Haines

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Olympia, W. T.

Jan. 20, 1880

My dear Dr. Jackson:

I enclose the official transcript of Presbytery resolution which I promised to secure if possible.

Of course after the action of the Presbytery in "giving away" Alaska and of synod in letting Oregon Presbytery claim it, on the ground of previous theft or something like it without the humiliation of taking it as a gift. This resolution of Presbytery is of no practical value except as a record of our feelings when we thought we owned Alaska.



As such it may be valuable from an archæiological stand point as proof in case of necessity that those whom you thought had a right to appreciate your labors did so.

I have been vastly amused over this matter, some parties have a fearful dread that Dr. Jackson may reap some glory for work in Alaska. While I don't care a button which Presbytery does the work of the Lord in Alaska so long as the work be done, it is amusing and amazing to see how anxious our would be arch-bishop and his todies are that the Bishop of the Rocky mountains shall have no glory for his work in Alaska. I feel like St. Paul in a like case and I thank you for what you have done in Alaska even if you never go there again.

I wrote Dr. Kendall that I hope enough missionaries will be pushed out to Alaska to make a new Presbytery there, without delay and personally suggesting that you be sent to Washington D. C. to secure the grant as suggested in our resolution. I sent him an unofficial copy of the resolution also at the time I wrote you last. Possibly something may come out yet. I send him an official this day.

Miss Allen started for southern Cal. two months ago. The last heard from her she was as well as usual. I pray God that he may restore her to perfect health.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and compliments of the season with a year full of good work to you and yours.

Yours Very Truly,

Jno. W. Thompson.

P.S. Have I the right orthography of the word archæiological. I have no dictionary by me and so I have taken the Greek for it.

Lyons, Rice Co., Kansas.  
Jan. 20, 188 .

Sheldon Jackson,  
Rev. and dear Sir;-

Some two years ago I wrote to you concerning Mission work in Colorado but through the advice of the physician attending upon my wife who is an invalid ( a sufferer from asthma and lung disease) I took charge of the church at Lyons and have been ministering to those people since. She is now advised to go still further west to a higher altitude and her physician recommends the altitude and climate of Denver and I have concluded to go to Colorado providing I can find a field of labor. Mission work in the suburbs of Denver or some other field that will afford enough to pay current expenses. I regret having to leave this field for God has greatly blessed my labors. The membership was 32 when I came and now it is about 80 and we have erected a good church building provided with bell organ and the other appliances and the



and the choir is prospering grandly and I also have fine property in the town, nevertheless if any thing can be done for the improvement of Mrs. C's health by change of climate I am satisfied to make any sacrifice. If you can get me a suitable field by spring please write me particulars. I refer you to Rev. T. Hill, Kansas City, Mo. who can tell you more about me and my family. I am forty years of age, have one child aged five, was at French Grove, Ill. four years before coming here, that was my first charge.

Yours truly,  
J. S. Carruthers.

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Lyons, Kansas,  
Jan. 20th, 1880

T. Hill,

Rev. and dear Sir;-

Yours is before me and Mrs. C. has been suggested a trial of Colorado providing a field of labor can be secured, and knowing that you are somewhat familiar with that country and also acquainted with Sheldon Jackson I thought I would like to have you correspond with him in my behalf relatively to a field of operation. Knowing as you do Mrs. C's condition and more little of my own qualifications. If I could find work with just a sufficient income to defray current expenses until some improvement of her health could be brought about, it would be doubtless be the best, then I could lay hold upon a wider field and endure greater hardships if need be. If not imposing too much labor upon you I will receive it as a favor if you will drop Bro. Jackson a line in my behalf and then he can correspond with me on the subject.

Yours truly,  
J. S. Carruthers.

Mrs. C. sends regards.

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Dear Bro. Jackson;-

This brother Carruthers is a man of fair ability rather above than below the average. He came to Kansas on account of his wife's health and now thinks it is necessary on her account to go still further on. If you have any place for him I think you will find him all right! I am sorry to have him leave but it may be for the best.

Very truly,  
T. Hill

Jan. 22



Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.  
Jan. 22, 1880

A. F. Childs Esq.  
Dear Sir:-

This will introduce Rev. Sheldon Jackson who is deeply interested in the mission work in Alaska. He desires to confer with you in relation to business. You will find him a cultivated gentleman and I ask for him such facilities in procuring what he desires as you can properly give.

Very truly,  
A. Bell.

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Olympia Territory, Wash.  
Jan 22d, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Your note received. I sent letter with certified copy of resolution last week. I got the thanks and that about Washington, in one resolution to avoid thanking another D. D. whom I did not feel like thanking. You have a quantity of literature from me lying waiting for you in Denver (two letters) I have written for a copy of Minutes Synod to Clerk.

Kind regards,  
J. S. Thompson.

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Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions.  
23 Centre St., N. Y.  
Jan. 22d, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:-

Dr. Kendall has sent word from Troy to see if you can come there for Sunday the 8th of Feb. about to Albany the 15th. Please write what you can do to Mrs. Harry March, 202 State St., Albany New York and to Dr. Kendall, immediately.

You could still meet me for the 19th of Feb. I should think in Harrisburg Synod. I have a letter (not at hand being in New York) from Indiana proposing there a Jan. meeting and mentioning places. Could you stop for them? What shall I answer? I have quite a talk with Dr. Kendall today, at his own request. He says it has become more and more clear to him the last three days that you should take special charge and superintendence of the school all of which except Alaska are in your present field. It is difficult to get a facts about some of them, changes are made in the teachers or in their



location without consulting this end of the line. This makes complications on account of the societies providing the salaries. You seem to be expected back here so I just throw out the idea. I hope you can go to Troy and to Albany. Dr. Hastings has just given us fifty dollars. Money was put into his hands to use.

Yours very truly,  
F. E. H. Haines

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23 Centre St., N. Y.  
Jan. 24, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;-

Your postal of the 23d inst is at hand if you change to 25th and 26th Feb. for Harrisburg and it does seem important for you to go to Albany and vicinity. Do let me know positively at once on account of arrangements proposed at Columbus and Toledo in Ohio. Mrs. S. Scovel and Mrs. Fulton of Allegany will have to make some changes but it is all right only I do not like to be in the way of people. I send a list of places as at present arranged for. You see there are some awful vacancies. Mrs. Sue C. V. McKee of Michawaka, Ind. writes- "I think there are several points in our Presbyter (Logansport, Indiana north) where a meeting such as you speak of might do good. Laporte, South Bend, Valparaiso, Michigan City, Plymouth, and Logansport. If one of you ladies could come to South Bend either with or without Dr. Jackson I feel sure it might do good and as we are only four miles from South Bend I think many of our ladies would be glad to join in the services" Logansport Presbyter has been rather independent but seems now to be falling into line. They support Miss Wheeler and now promise to send money for Mrs. Boyd. A more important and really pressing invitation comes from Mrs. J. W. Allen of St. Louis, received last evening. It came by regular request from the Board of South West that I should attend their annual meeting the last of March. But cannot send it until after the 27th inst after all so may not do it at all till I hear from you. It shows great confidence and a lovely spirit towards us, asking me to represent them at our conference with New York and Brooklyn ladies. They invited us from the South West a year ago but none of us could go. I do not know what to say. March is a busy month for our committee and unless meetings were appointed through March it would not do for me to stay. We hoped you could finish up Albany and Troy from the 18th of Feb. to the 15th inclusive and get to Harrisburg by the 19th but you know best about it all. I write to Mrs Scovill about the interval from the 18th to the 25th of Feb.



Thank you for the change about money from Kodiak to Chilkat. I am a little disappointed at the appearance of our "Bricky" but made as I wished one have cost thirty dollars a thousand.

Yours very truly,  
F. M. Haines.

List of places Jan. 24th, 1880

- Pittsburg, Feb. 17th
- Blairville, Presbyter
- Irwin Station, Feb 18th
- Harrisburg Synod Feb 25th
- " " " 26th
- Cincinnati March 2d

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Parkersburg, W. Va.  
Jan 24th, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Dear Bro:-

Yours from New York has been received. I shall anxiously look for the publication of your book on Alaska. I enclose a good photograph of my son Hall. I have not even ten dollars on hand or at command at present. I might spare that amount or thirty dollars in March but cannot do it now shall I try to get it from friends in my congregation, perhaps they would become subscribers to the book and advance the money. I rejoice in the success of the mission. Would like to go to Alaska myself as a missionary but it might not be right to take Mrs. Young from her age. If you have any influence with the "powers that be at Washington". and they organize a government in Alaska. I have an elder in my church here, a lawyer S. T. Stapleton who could fill any office in such government and who would take a great interest in the mission work. He would be glad to go. It seems all important that good men be appointed.

Very truly yours,  
Loyal Youngs.

We desire the photograph returned when convenient.

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25 Centre St., N. Y.  
Jan 24th, 1880

near Bro. Jackson:-

I want that book for one. Please bring it or send it and charge to me. I am sending Lyons (Rev. G. T.) his



commission for Sitka. I want you to send him something that will help him on the British Columbia steamer or any other to report for Fort Townsend or Victoria or any thing that will help him on the steamer California if you can. His address is Rev/ G. W. Lyons, Amador City, California. The Navajos school contract has not reached us yet. Has it been sent?

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

The following circular letter was sent to every member of the U. S. Congress. S. J.

Washington, D. C.  
Jan. 24th, 1880

Honorable and dear sir:-

Affairs in Alaska are claiming public attention and as Congress is asked to legislate with reference to that country and believing that you will be interested in any facts bearing on that question, permit me (Having visited there in the interests of schools) to invite your attendance at one of the following appointments, at which I will speak of Alaska, its extent, resources, climate, people, their conditions and needs. On (tomorrow) Sabbath Jan 25th, eleven A. M. foundry Methodist church G & 14th St., N. W., the 25th at seven thirty P. M. first Congregationalists church 10th & G. St., N. W., Feb. 1st eleven A. M. Mount Vernon Church (South) 9th & K St., N. W.

Very truly,  
Sheldon Jackson.

James, New Mexico,  
Jan. 24th, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. C.

Dear Dr.

Rosalda Montoya commission came last night. It is only for six months. I am completely discouraged. I have been holding on to him long before he was licensed. He has patiently waited and got along any way he could and we have done all we could to help them along. He has been working faithfully and is so much needed. I baptized on Sunday last a Mexican lady and received her into the church also her husband who is an American. We have great hopes of others coming soon. This whole land is open for the gospel of Christ. Our school is doing grandly. The grading of it is helping on wonderfully. Yesterday we had fifty eight Indian scholars. Can you tell me why this commission is only for six months and how he can be paid after this. I must have the confidence and support of the board or I cannot carry on this work



Mr. Perea is too much tied up with the school. This won't do, he should be free to preach now that the way is so clear. Please write.

Truly Yours,  
J. M. Shields

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Ocate, Mora Co. N. M.  
Jan. 23, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Your kind letter informing us of the donation which you have been instrumental in procuring for our school building has just been received: and we take great pleasure in expressing our gratitude to you for the encouragement which you have thus given us in our labors here. This is the first direct assurance of pecuniary aid we have ever received from any source since we came to this territory toward the erection of a school building: and we have never received any toward the erection of our church building. I wrote a long letter to Dr. Kendall about the same time I first wrote you giving him a history of the state of affairs here and asking him if he could through his instrumentality furnish us any means toward the finishing of our church here? But have never received the scratch of a pen from him in reply. Will write to Rev. Childs soon. Why is it my dear brother there has never been any commission sent to Elder Mace, who was licensed as an evangelist at the last meeting of the Presbytery at Las Vegas All the applicants save Brother Mace have been duly commissioned and there is not a more efficient and worthy laborer in the Master's cause in the territory than he, and he ought to receive a commission.

Please accept our heart felt gratitude to you for your kindness and believe us as ever your friends and colaborers in the Lord's vineyard. Let us hear from you soon.  
W. S. Hall

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Poncha Springs, Cal.  
Jan. 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
My dear Sir:

Brother Loder writes me that he is willing to accept a call to the work at Gunnison, now if you have not yet sent him a call can you not do so, and thus save me the necessity of organizing the church in order to put in an application from it to the committee? I can then go over when Bro. L. comes on, and organize at a time when I am less pressed than at present. Bro. L. writes a most sensible letter, and I am inclined to think he is going to prove an acquisition to



our work. The Garrison people are greatly delighted at the prospect of having a minister. There is another matter I must mention, brother Merritt is without doubt insane and I fear, may give us trouble. He is friendly enough to me, and our relations are pleasant enough, but he cherishes a spirit of the most deadly animosity toward Mr. Walker. You will not deem my language too strong, when I tell you he has threatened to kill Mr. W. not in the heat of passion, but in the quiet of his own home, and in conversation with Mrs. M. His feeling toward Mr. W. is so outrageously bitter and withal so uncalled for that I can attribute it to nothing else but insanity. I have reason moreover to think that Mrs. Merritt considers him deranged, certainly at times. Now were it not that I fear he may make a violent assault on Mr. W. or possibly waylay him, I should pay no attention to his talk but the threat of an insane person especially in the line of what seems to be his mania, are not to be disregarded. Accordingly I have resolved to ask Mr. Merritt to leave Poncha, I cannot of course approach him directly on this subject but I have talked the matter over with his friends. His people in Ohio have urged him to come and visit them and he has seemed disposed at times to go. It seems to me that the best possible thing not only for the church here, but also for Mr. M. himself would be a removal to new scenes and associations, where his mind would stand a chance to regain its balance. It would be a terrible calamity were he to carry out his threats, and even the barest possibility of such a tragedy is to be regarded as a most serious matter. Now Brother M. speaks of you very often and says that you were his best friend, hence it occurs to me that you might exert an influence over him to persuade him to remove to some other point. If you can't, I really can't imagine who can. Can you not take this in your way to or from one of your New Mexico journeys? Mrs. Walker is getting worried over this matter, and can hardly rest for anxiety. So desirable does it seem to several of the leading men in the church here, that Mr. M. should go away, that the money has been subscribed and would be paid to him at once if he would only take it. But he has refused a direct offer and unless he could be induced to receive it indirectly through the medium of some friend the aid seems to be useless. I must say that if no other remedy avails, I shall be in favor of taking steps to have Mr. M. put in the asylum. This is as you realize a sad state of affairs not only for the Merritts, but also for all in any way concerned. Otherwise everything goes on smoothly here and prospects are encouraging. The church at Salida is nearly completed and we will soon give out the contract for our building stone.

Please give my cordial regards to Mrs. Jackson and the family.

Yours Fraternaly,

Chas. M. Shepherd



23 Centre st. New York

Jan. 23, 1880

We have received \$55 from Pa. for New Mexico. Your statement in the R. M. P. in regard to "lottery" entitles them, they say, to some of it. What answer shall be given? Please reply either to me, or send to Mrs. Wm. McCullough, West Chester, Pa.

Yours Very Truly,  
M. E. Boyd

P. S. The "Morrison Picture" I sent to Rev. H. Lyman.  
M. E. B.

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Amador City, Cal.

Jan. 26, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your letter was received Saturday evening. I had been looking for several days to receive some word from the board soon. Dr. Lindsley had written me that he thought I would hear from the board soon. He had written me a letter before this one to which I have just referred asking me if I were still willing to go to Sitka. I answered that I was, and I say yet that we are willing to go. I cannot help feeling sad though at the thoughts of leaving the people here. They seem to be satisfied with my feeble efforts among them, and even talk of petitioning the board to send someone else to Alaska, and leave me with them. They are begining to try and arrange for a building in Amador, which is so much needed, and it would be had for the cause if the effort was checked, and I hope it may not be. I tell the people that if the Lord wishes me to go to Alaska, he will provide some one for them who will certainly do more than I could were I to remain and not answer his call. I pray God to make the way so plain that I cannot make a mistake. My experience of course is limited, but I do consider this an encouraging field. Some no doubt would consider it a very hard one, but to one just starting out at least I do not consider a good comfortable living and the privilege of riding twenty or thirty miles each sabbath in the mountain air as making any very great sacrifice. Anyhow I do hope that someone will fill the place more ably than I, and immediately if I am to leave. It seems to me as though there is scarcely a doubt about our going as the board has given the commission. You say the secretaries will probably pay our traveling expenses to come to the coast, I was told that if I went to the "regions beyond" the item for traveling would probably be increased and I think when the commission comes they will send it. The board knows our circumstances from a letter I wrote when these churches applied for aid not long since. I can't go unless I receive the means and if they do not send them with the commission I will apply at once. Will look for the



commission every day till it arrives. Your request for permit from the steamship co. are for such from San F. to Port Townsend and thence to Sitka. Will that allow of our stopping at Portland awhile? If not I wish it could be arranged if possible I would not like to go to Sitka knowing as little as I do now about how to go at the work. Could not this information best be supplied by a talk with Dr. Lindsley? Besides my wife has an uncle in East Portland and one near there whom she has not seen for more than twelve years and we would like very much to see them.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am  
Yours Obediently,  
G. W. Lyons

Corrales,, New Mexico  
Jan. 27, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

I have just received my commission from our board. It is for six months with a salary of \$375 and now is included notifying that all licentiates will be commissioned only for six months and the rest of the time they are to do business for themselves. I think you must see at once the sore tribulation into which my family and I are cast. I am holding no property, own no land, nor house. The one I live in is rented. I have no business, no profession, nor anything to fall back on. I was required when I entered the evangelistic work to give up all secular business. I did so I assumed the evangelistic work heart and soul. Now if our board should discontinue me I would be left in utter destitution, the many enemies of the good cause in this country would greatly rejoice and I do not know where or how I could get anything to do to support my family. I had never thought that such a thing could be done in our church and so it has found me entirely unprepared. I was only thinking of and pushing on the work that I have undertaken. You know my dear brother my situation as well as I do. My wife and child are sick. She does more work than she can bear and I am afraid she will have to give up the school. We cannot live on \$375. Now if our labors be stopped for six months it will be a complete loss for us and gain to our adversaries. A long suspension of the work will put it back and I do seriously believe that to resume it with the intention of stopping it for six months will be time, money, and effort lost. The work is hard up hill work. We find the greatest opposition and whenever we give up those who have begun to search out the truth, we find them afterwards the bitterest enemies of the Gospel. Do let me intreat you my dear brother do your best to have me continued in the work. I do not see how I can go back to secular affairs again and be forced by want and destitution to abandon this most delightful employment.



The salvation of my fellow country men and their spiritual and mental regeneration. Will you please talk this matter over with the board?

The ladies wrote me that they had not and could not send me the tracts. Three members have been received into the church from the Hot Springs. We expect to receive four more soon. There is a growing interest at Placitas. The children in the school number thirty. It is opened with prayer and reading of the scripture.

I am in great distress until I hear that I am continued in the work so I hope you will find out and please let me know soon.

Your Brother,  
Jose Y. Perca

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23 Centre st. New York  
Jan. 28, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

The contracts came to hand this A. M. But we referred the whole matter to the school committee yesterday. The board gave you permission to go to Troy and Albany &, Oh what a farce! Don't fail to have a good time saved out to talk before you go off west.

If you can furnish any facilities for Mr. Austin and family that Brady cannot get send them on for they mean to start on the 10th of Feb. Brady says they have telegraphed Col. Ball to come on to Washington, but unfortunately he went to Sitka on the steamer the 11th as Dr. Lindsley informed me.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

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Corrales, New Mexico  
Jan. 28, 1880

Rev. J. M. Shields, M. D.

Dear Brother:

I received yesterday my commission for six months with note enclosed that I am expected to attend to financial affairs and home duties the other six months. I am surprised and thunderstruck at this order of our board. I never thought that our church would do any such a thing as this. I was required when I entered the work to give up all secular affairs I am living in a rented house and have no house of my own. The sheep I own I gave out as required by Presbytery and I gave them for six years. I can get no employment from my relations and wealthy friends, for they have taken deep offence at my preaching Protestantism. If our board withdraws its support from me, then I'll be left in complete destitution for I have



not been prepared for such an emergency and as I said it is the Presbytery which required me to give up all secular affairs. Now after I am required to do so I am send a commission for six months and almost at the expiration of the term. For the life of me I cannot see the advantage of this upon our work. If we abandon our work for the space of six months it will surely be a complete wreck. If the work is to be continued six months on duty and six months out, I think it best for all means spent in this work rather to be invested in some other missionary enterprise, for it is not right for our church to throw money away. No good can be accomplished here in that way and I am sure it would be far better to send us a few more ordained preachers who could learn the language and could be kept constantly at work without intermission. I do not know what I can do if I am left to work for a livelihood. I was attending to secular affairs when I first entered the evangelistic work but now I have no property I can dispose of, no home and land of my own as I had then, and no friends. I can call for aid or employment, for my friends have become my bitter enemies ever since I assumed evangelistic duties. But this cannot be as I do trust yet in the Lord that our board will do right in the matter. I think you ought to write to the board and Dr. Jackson. No missionary work can prosper by abandoning it for six months of every year and we who are consecrated to the work cannot think of giving it up to resume secular business.

With kindest regards to all, I remain  
 Yours in Christian Bonds,  
 Jose Ynes Perea

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23 Centre st. New York  
 Jan. 29, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

It is proposed to have a favored meeting to give Miss Austin a "send off" for Sitka in Dr. Simpson (13 st. Church) Sunday morning Feb. 8th. They want you very much and I hope it will be possible for you to attend. It will give the Woman's Ex. Committee a good foothold in the city and thereby I fear heard the lioness in her den.

Now come if you can! Let me know as soon as possible. But don't fail if you can help it.

Yours Truly,  
 F. Kendall

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23 Centre st. New York  
 Jan. 29, 1880

Rev. Doctor Jackson,



Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

If you cannot stay into March, I have hardly the face to propose any meeting in Indiana church without you. My way does not yet open as to St. Louis, but from Cairo has come a very cordial invitation, asking for what date to secure a "pass" from Cincinnati. I could not give the date because if I stop for St. Louis, I had better put Cairo still near the time of St. Louis.

I am so glad you are to visit the Theol. Seminary. The conference in New York passed off better than we feared. It is to be decided by ballot taken in audience present as to who will preside at the union afternoon meeting at Madison, Wis.

Half hour to be allowed each to boards of New York, Brooklyn, South West, and Exc. Committee. The reports are expected from each to be read at commencement.

We almost got into some discussion about R. M. P. in which Mrs. Graham wished to publish some article saying "there was nothing in them against" us but it was rather stayed off. On the whole we felt it was the cause of thanksgiving.

I was asked to make arrangements for a church at Madison for our union meeting, as well as for our own.

We hope to see you on your way to Albany.

Yours Truly,

F. E. H. Haines

1419 Lexington Ave. New York  
Jan. 30, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Enclosed you will find a receipt from the photo-engraver for \$15. I shall not have the money to spare to have my own taken. I am I confess vain enough to have my likeness in your book but you know my situation somewhat. The amount which I thought that I might spare must be paid for dentistry.

The Austins are making every preparation to leave for Sitka. My friend from Ind. is here.

Rev. Mr. Lyon, Dr. K. says will probably go up next month. We must organize a church as soon as possible. I am afraid that the next mail will bring us word of Dr. Dalany's death.

I sent that bunch of wheat to Mr. Hall and I hope that he may make effective use of it when he confronts Elliott.

Did you see last Monday's World? I think that Elliott must have written it.

Enclosed you will find a list of those curios. They are at the lowest price. I hope you may see fit to take them all. You know how dear those things are in Sitka.

My regards to Gen. Eaton. Hoping that you may secure an appropriation for educational purposes, I remain

Yours Sincerely,

John G. Brady



23 Centre st. New York  
Jan. 31, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
Sir:

I hope by all means you may be able to speak in 15th st. church, New York, Sunday, Feb. 8th on occasion of farewell to Miss Austin. I see your first engagement in Albany synod is Feb. 9th. It is important to interest that people and school as we are hoping to secure Miss Austin's salary there.

F. R. H. Haines

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Waukegan, Ill.

Jan. 31, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

I have had a very severe attack upon my throat and lungs and must go south for a while. How long I will stay I cannot tell, possibly till warm weather. When I last wrote you I was quite hopeful about myself, but now am discouraged. I may come to New Mexico yet, but not for sometime.

Thanking you for your kindly interest, and hoping you will soon secure the right man, I am

Yours Fraternally,  
F. H. Curtis

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Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Dr.

Your favor is received, by this mail I send you a Salt Lake Tribune which has a sermon from Brother McViece which gives you all the facts you ask for. It is red hot but he cannot tell half the story.

What a fearful page orpionism will make in the future history of our country.

I give you a sketch of the stations in the Ter. and the teachers and preachers at each. I was not at the Presbytery, it was the best ever held in Utah. Our note goes on every mail brings some response. \$500 came last week from East Orange, N. J. we would like to have ten more such oranges

What would eight pages of such a paper as the R. M. P. cost printed at Cin. as your is per 1000 copies. Five pages reading matter and three ads? It seems to me that the time has nearly come to start an educational organ for our school.

Our ladies give a rousing festival tonight. they will clear \$100. How is your paper supported?

Yours Most Kindly,  
M. Coyner



Yours of the 17th inst with ticket orders is just received. I have just read Condit's article. It is mean and I am now strongly induced to ask Condit if he thinks this kind, christian, not to say honest and in accordance with the facts in the case.

Yours,  
C. D. Eaton

Treas. of Board of Home Missions

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

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A Bill by Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

Feb. 1880

To provide educational privileges for Alaska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

That the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and hereby appropriated from the revenues of Alaska in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated to be expended by the commissioner of Education under the direction of the Hon. Secretary of the Interior for the establishment of schools at such points in that Territory as may be designated by the Secretary.

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Education in Alaska.

A few prominent reasons why schools should be commenced in Alaska, by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Feb. 1880

1st Development of National Resources.

The natural resources of Alaska are very great. An educated people will develop them.

2nd An Exchange of benefits.

The United States Government receives from \$250,000 to \$500,000 annually from the royalty on seal skins, it is but fair that a portion of that money should be used to educate the people.

3th It is good policy.

It will be much cheaper to spend a few thousand dollars in now educating those people to citizenship than a few years hence millions to fight them, when the encroachments of the whites shall drive them to desperation.

4th National Reputation requires it.

Russia furnished them with government schools, up to the time of the purchase, when their teachers were withdrawn. Surely the United States, sustained by the intelligence of her people cannot do less in this direction.

5th The interests of humanity demand it.

Slavery, witchcraft, and polygamy now abound there, and will continue to do so, until they are educated out of it.



6th The fulfillment of pledges require it.  
When Maj. Gen. Hallack was sent by the Government to receive that country from Russia, as the Russian schools were then withdrawn he promised in the name of the Government that the United States would send teachers to take the place of the Russian teachers withdrawn.

Afterward Maj. Gen. Howard in the name of the Government renewed the promise.

This promise was the third time made by Mr. Vincent Colyer Secretary of the Board of Indian Commissioners.

For the fulfillment of these promises, Congress in 1870 appropriated to the Department of the Interior \$50,000 for education in Alaska. But the money was not used for that purpose.

Since then the matter has largely dropped from the public attention and from 20,000 to 50,000 people left without any attention.

These people have not forgotten those promises and to this day ask when the Government teachers are coming. That the faith and pledges of the Government may be kept we now ask.

1st That you will authorize or request the Hon. Secretary of the Interior to set apart from the fund "for the support of schools not otherwise provided for" or from any other fund at his disposal that may be used for this purpose, the sum of \$25,000 for the establishment of an Industrial school for boys and girls at Fort Wrangell, Alaska, and as many day schools at other points in Alaska as the funds will allow.

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Denver, Col.

Feb. 2, 1890

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

My dear Brother:

Last week I received a communication from Rev. A. M. Darley enclosing a note from Dr. Kendall notifying him that the board had declined to grant the commission asked by the Pres. of Colorado. The committee feel that a great wrong has been done him by the board, first in delaying action so long, leaving him to work on uncertainty, and second in declining to grant the commission at all. We also believe that a great wrong had been done these Mexicans in not giving them the man who was peculiarly qualified to be their leader in getting out of the dark bondage of Russian. I am amazed that Dr. Kendall should write to Darley that they declined because that work properly belonged to Dr. Jackson. You will remember you strongly advocated to Pres. the recommendation of Darley for the work. You also know that the board requires you to serve else where, so that you have not given a month of time to the Phy. of Colorado since I have been in the state.



If I am not mistaken you have no knowledge of Spanish, at least you could not go among the Mexicans and preach and talk to them even if the board would give you time. In view of these things why will the board refuse us one ordained missionary for that wide and important field? In addition to this they only propose to allow Ortega to work six months and then drop it for six months. How do they expect anything to be accomplished in this way? You have been in and about New York for several weeks and must have conferred with them on this subject or had the opportunity of doing so. Knowing that you could not do the work and knowing its importance (as the board evidently does not) did you urge the board or the secretaries to commission Darley? What reason do they give for declining?

I am anxious to hear from you as soon as convenient on this subject. Are you securing any men in the Sem. for the mountain fields?

Yours Fraternally,  
J. D. Kerr

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February 2, 1890

A Memorial

to the

Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S. of America in Congress assembled.

Whereas the United States is responsible for the proper care and government of Alaska, the native inhabitants of which and species of mixed blood are docile, peaceful, partially civilized, apt in the mechanical arts and anxious for instruction.

And whereas it is believed to be the wise policy, as well as the duty, of the Government to adopt prompt measures for their education with a view to their admission to the rights of citizenship.

And whereas it is both cheaper and more humane to give them education and facilities now, than to fight them hereafter at a largely increased cost.

And whereas they are a self-supporting people, needing no amplities clothing or rations from the Government but do need teachers which they cannot procure for themselves.

And whereas the Government receives an annual revenues from Alaska of \$517,500 and only returns to that country in the form of salaries of U.S. Officers, pay of monthly mail steamer, support of steam revenue cutters, the sum of about \$65,000, leaving a net revenue of over \$450,000.

Therefore we the undersigned Citizens of the U.S. do hereby memorialize your Honorable Body to appropriate from the Revenue of Alaska in the Treasury, the sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to be expended by the Commissioner of Education under the direction of the Honorable



Secretary of the Interior for the establishment under Competent teachers of schools for the instruction of the native population and Creoles of Alaska in the English language, the common branches of an English education, the principles of a republican government, and such industrial pursuits as may seem best adapted to their circumstances.

With great respect

Yours Truly,

Sheldon Jackson.

Supt. of Presbyterian schools in the Territory  
Ino. Lanahan

Pastor Foundry Methodist M. Church

Washington, D.C.

Feb. 2, 1880

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Washington, D.C.

Feb. 2, 1880

Hon. James H. Bailey

Chairman of Senate Committee of Educational Labor.

Hon. and Dear Sir:

Almost constant travelling since I met you in the cloak room has prevented an earlier letter with regard to the petition of myself and Dr. Lanahan for an Educational appropriation for Alaska which was presented to the senate by Mr. Daves on Feb. 2nd and referred to the committee of appropriations. By them it was reported back on Feb. 5th and referred to Committee of Education and Labor.

The Memorial itself, a copy of which I insert gives some of the reasons why the Government should grant this petition and why it is proper and just that you should report a bill to that effect. (copy of Memorial)

Also see the address of Mr. Daves on the presentation of the Memorial.

The above presentation of Mr. Daves and the Memorial present their own reasons why Congress should make the appropriation.

In addition permit me to say that Congress, with the recent approval of the best portion of the American citizens has for years past recognized its duty to provide Education for Indian youth. But up to this time, has never recognized the native inhabitants of Alaska.

This Memorial asks that the Indians of Alaska be granted the same privileges as those of Dakota, Montana, or Indian Territory, with this difference.

The appropriations for schools among the Dakota, Montana, and other Indians are administered through the Indian Bureau.

In the case of the Alaska Indians it is proposed to administer through the Educational Bureau for the following reasons.



Among the Dakota, Montana, and other Indians it is a mixed work. The Gov. not only educates, but also to some extent feeds and clothes and issues annuities.

But with the Alaska Indians, there are no annuities, or issue of rations, it is purely an Educational work and would more properly come under that Bureau of the Government. And there will be fewer complications and greater efficiency under the Educational, than the Indian Bureau.

Again if good schools can be established among that people before the advent of many whites, they will be better prepared to resist the temptations of whiskey and the vile traders that first float into new countries.

And surely it is not asking too much that a small portion of the revenues of their own section should be used in advancing their civilization and comfort.

For the prevention of future wars, for the honor of our nation, for the cause of humanity, for the elevating influence of the Gospel that will follow Government schools. I would ask you to use your high position and great influence in pushing the following or some similar bill through the Senate.

In the estimates for 1870 and 1871 Congress appropriated \$50,000 for Educational purposes in Alaska in the appropriation of \$100,000 for schools not otherwise provided for. See Rept. of Board and Committee for 1872, Pages 132-134. On account of some complication that appropriation was never used for Alaska. This Memorial now asks that a similar sum be re-appropriated.

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Albany, Oregon  
Feb. 3, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed please find a copy of the action of the Presbytery of Oregon in regard to the relations which you and the Presbytery sustain to Alaska, and to each other.

I need hardly say that Dr. Jackson's letters to the various papers almost ignore the Presbytery of Oregon. It would hardly be thought courteous for a Synodical missionary from the synod of the Columbia to visit points within the bounds of the synod of Colorado, and then begin making representations to the church, through the papers, which were entirely contrary to the views of the Presbytery within whose bounds said points were situated. This would especially obtain, if the said Presbytery was, and had been for years, striving to develop these points. In this respect the Presbyter. feels that the right course has not been pursued.

The Presbytery feels that through your articles its work in Alaska has been brought into a false light before the church. Our missionary on the ground says that your articles are full of errors, which seriously lead public opinion astray.



The work necessarily devolves upon us. It was cheerfully undertaken and successfully begun before your first visit. It has been rendered more difficult by interference from outside parties.

It is the general opinion of the members of the Presbytery that an official statement must soon be made, such as will correct any wrong opinions that may exist.

The Presbytery will be glad to hear from Dr. Jackson in regard to the matter above alluded to. Hoping for a communication which may be brought before Presbytery at its next meeting March 16th, I am

Very Respectfully Yours,

Elbert N. Condit

Stated Clerk of Pres. of Oregon.

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Extract from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Oregon  
Salem, Sept. 17, 1879

....."On motion a special committee, consisting of Rev. James V. Milligan, was appointed to suggest to Presbytery at an adjourned meeting to be called by the Moderator at Seattle during the interval of the Synod the best method for arriving at an understanding with Dr. Sheldon Jackson concerning his and our relations to Alaska".

Seattle, Oct. 4, 1879

....."The committee appointed to suggest to Presbytery the best method of arriving at an understanding with Dr. Sheldon Jackson concerning his and our relations to Alaska mission-work, submitted the following report."

"It is recommended that the stated clerk be instructed to correspond with Dr. Sheldon Jackson expressing to him the views and feelings of the Presbytery and remonstrate against his publishing articles that reflect unjustly against our Presbytery as it stands related to this work.

This correspondence is to be preserved and laid before the Presbytery at its next meeting.

Report adopted"

The above page is a correct copy from the minutes of the Presbytery of Oregon.

Elbert N. Condit

Stated Clerk of Presbytery

Albany, Oregon  
Feb. 7, 1880

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Denver, Col.

March, 8, 1880

Rev. E. N. Condit

Dear Sir:



Your letter of Feb. 3th with accompanying action of the Presbytery of Oregon was awaiting my return home.

In reply permit me to say, 1st That if I have not given the Presbytery of Oregon due credit in my letters, I am very sorry and on being convinced of the fact will give them full credit.

2nd That if I have failed (which I do not admit but hold myself open to proof) to do the Presbytery justice, they surely ought to be the last ones to complain when they look over their records and see how they have not only persistently ignored my efforts in behalf of Alaska, but even tried to prevent them.

See your first historical statement and your protests against my visiting Alaska last summer and Washington this winter also your own letters to the Occident and Dr. Lindsley's newspaper articles, also see reports and action of synod of Oregon 1879.

3th The Presbytery of Oregon has no reason to complain in the matter as Alaska is not within their bounds. Moreover it is not even within the bounds of the Synod. See page 75 Minutes of General Assembly 1876 where the bounds of the several Presbyteries of the Synod of the Columbia are distinctly and minutely defined and Alaska was not included.

And the statement of the Synod's published minutes page 8 does not make it so.

The official report as published in the Minutes of the Assembly is the one that the Assembly stands by. It makes no difference what was intended, the organic act is explicit.

Further the rules of the Assembly of 1871 would give Alaska to Puget Sound, not Oregon.

Consequently the board of home missions not recognizing your jurisdiction very properly declined to consider your protests.

4th But back of all this you know very well, that the Presbytery would not have taken the action they did with regard to myself, if Dr. Lindsley had not in some way or other been connected with it and that if the Presbytery force me into a newspaper controversy it will largely turn upon the wisdom and efficiency with which Dr. Lindsley has used his position and influence.

As I have a number of communications upon that subject from different missionaries in the North West, I can make some showings in such a controversy, if I am forced into it.

But I hope you will consider what good can be accomplished by such a course. Proverbs 17:14

Will the cause of missions be advanced by such a controversy? Will Dr. Lindsley's reputation be increased by being pillorized in the newspapers?

The Presbytery has already made its historical statement and what additional good will be gained by making others that may necessitate a reply.



Remember that a discussion always makes two parties and while some will side with you, it will cause others to side against you.

Then after all you will find that the good sense of the church will bid me "God Speed" for all that I can do for Alaska, India or any other field.

Now brother if you or the Presbytery can help me or the work independent of me in Utah or New Mexico and raise us a few thousand dollars, I will see to it that you get credit for it.

Let there be no strife between us.

Yours Truly,

Sheldon Jackson

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Animas City

11th, 1880

Dear Bro;-

I received your letter telling me about having secured a man for Rico some time since. I am glad. The sooner he reaches Animas City the better. It will be impossible for me to get over there before April. All passage has been blocked out of there by snows this winter.

Why I say the sooner that young man gets there the better by March is that he may escape the indians, it being too soon for their operations, and in the next place these people are going to be rebellious if they are left without services and hence if he can't get to Rico as soon as he should arrive I will find plenty of work for him here. I do want to get away as soon at least as my year is up; April 1st.

I would be so much obliged to you if you would use your influence so that I might get my last appropriation in March. I can hardly venture on my trip east before I get it. I have told the officers that I did not intend to preach here after this year. It won't do to have this place long without preaching. There is a Baptist preacher preaching here now regularly.

I wish to go home by way of Omaha and St. Paul. I have an aunt in St. Cloud, Minn whom I wish to see. There is no trouble to reach here by way of Terra Amoreah and Pajosa any time. Every body is going to Rico this spring. Things are going on smoothly and rapidly here- a S. S. at Rico,

Yours in the Faith,

W. C. Beebe

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House of Representatives U. S.  
Washington, D. C.  
Feb. 5th, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My dear Dr.:-

I am very sorry that I am compelled to fore go the pleasure of meeting you this evening. A couple of our relatives who arrived this morning and leave this evening and to whom we are under many obligations; have absolute claims upon our attention and we are not meeting them at dinner.

I will do what I can for the Alaska matter and am very thankful to you for enlightening us upon that important question. Will always be glad to see you here or anywhere and am especially glad to be of any service to you.

With best wishes for your continual success, in the work of our common and living God,  
Yours,

J. A. Anderson

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Portland, Oregon  
Feb. 5th, 1880

Dear Brother;-

I did not receive any letter from you before leaving home but received you of Jan 3d at Fort Townsend. I was glad to get it although it was so short for we did not get any Rocky Mountain Presbyterian in the mail and no letter. We did not know what to think of it. I received the "copying press" and thank you very much for it. I did not have time to try it before coming away but know it will be a great help to me. I did not fly on account of the troublous times but on account of my health. I have not been well all winter so the friends just forced me to come away for a little time to see if the change would not do me good. I will remain over one steamer. While here I will purchase stoves etc. for the new home with the money you have furnished me. This action of the Oregon Presbyter seems very mysterious but not more so than many other things they have done. I hope to hear from you soon again,

Sincerely yours,  
A. R. McFarland

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23 Centre St., New York  
Feb. 7th, 1880

We hoped you would stop here. Please take some "Logan bricks" on your Albany trip and speak of our wife boxes. Any collections taken up should go to Mrs. G. C. Weisley, treasurer and secretary of the synodical committee of Albany, and will be used as directed when forwarded to Mrs. Boyd. Mrs. B. F. Potter of Schenectady is President. F. E. H. Haines

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23 Centre St., N. Y. City  
Feb. 7th, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Albany, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Rev. H. H. Bacon of Toledo, Ohio wants you there at your convenience at the Cincinnati meetings. He wants you to stay at his house and he will be quite disappointed if you do not come. I hope you can at least finish up by the first of March in Ohio at Urbana, Columbus and Toledo. Miss Ella Young has some pictures from her brother at Alaska which will answer for Pittsburg, but you will please remember about yours for other places.

F. E. H. Haines.

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Jenes, New Mexico,  
Feb. 10th, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Doc:-

Enclosed you will find a letter written to me by Mr. Peters. Of course I refer it to you. Can you do anything for us? This action of the board has apparently fallen upon us like some evil blast. The board may have some ears for you. If the board don't know or don't care I feel sure that you do know and do care. You know how our little band in New Mexico is struggling. You know that Satan's seat is here and yet we have tried to believe that better days have come. If you get this before you come west again can't you go around to 23 Centre St., New York and wake up the home board? While they are sleeping the battle is raging in New Mexico. For the time we are wrestling with principalities and powers. Hell itself is being moved for a final struggle. We need ten times as much instead of less from the board and if this is done now by the board, if they fail to support this little army here now, mark my word the balance of their natural lives



will not be enough in which to make amends. Only for this we feel greatly encouraged at James.

Mrs. S. joins in sending love,  
Your brother in Christ,  
J. M. Shields.

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23 Centre St., New York  
Feb. 9th, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir;-

A very urgent call has come for you to go to from Rev. James T. Polluck, though I hope you can give at least a week to Ohio, Toledo, Urbana, Bucyrus and Columbus if no where else. Will you please prepare notice of farewell meeting last night for Miss Austin for March number of the Rocky Mountain Presbyter. I could not well to have my family to be there, expecting to be away from them so long.

Yours truly,  
F. E. H. Haines.

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Feb. 11th, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir;-

I have come a hundred miles from a home to secure speakers for a convention at Cranbury and Jamesburg on Thursday the 19th, one week from tomorrow. Dr. Kendall tells me you are to be in New York on the morning of that day. They want you very much on that day. You can leave New York at four forty P. M. on the P. R. R. to South Junction and there to Jamesburg for the evening service. Do come if you can. You are having hard work but I hope the Master will sustain you a little longer.

Yours in love to the cause,  
M. Gregory.

Mrs. H. D. Gregory,  
Blainstown, New Jersey.

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23 Centre St., New York,  
Feb. 13th, 1880

Dear Jackson;-

That man has concluded to go to Moqui and the papers have been forwarded on to sign, for a school. We shall need a full statement about the people from you before we can act. You have had news from Wrangell by the steamer that reached Port Townsend the 31st ult. Battle between the Hoocheenos and the Stickines, several killed on both sides. Tow-a-att is among the killed. Mr. Young exposed himself so much that a friendly indian took him by force and bore him to a place of safety. Severe storms are reported and the home camp near being blown down and had to be strengthened. No letter yet from Wrangell so I presume there will be none and possibly owing to the consternation none was written. It only makes the need of government more pressing. Col. Ball came down on that steamer,

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

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Ft. Defiance, Arizona,  
Feb. 13th, 1880

Dr. H. F. H. Nelsons,

Dear Friend;-

Before I came out here, I received a communication from you in which you asked me to let you know, when the time in my judgement arrived any lady teachers might be employed to advantage in our work here. I think that time has now come. You also asked me whether my wife desired the position, with her three small children and her other household duties her hands are full. She also has been doing a good deal in the way of sewing for the indians, also teaching them to sew for themselves.

There are not three ladies here, two as teachers, and one as matron sent out by the government. One of these ladies in my opinion should not be here, as she is a Unitarian in her belief. Although we may seem to be well supplied in comparison with other stations it must be borne in mind that we are the only ones to represent fifteen thousand indians. The government is just now started and after consulting with the agent, Mr. Galen Weston, (a man heartily in sympathy with every christian work) says that he thinks there will from the out start be more than the present force of teachers can do justice to, and that he thinks the church will send out two additional teachers to supplement what the government is doing, and that while he cannot expect the government to do more at present that he will endeavor after the buildings



are completed to secure government pay for the teachers now asked for.

I have two ladies in view, a sister of my wife, Miss Ell R. Donaldson of Rice Co., Minn. The other Miss Tillie Wray of Eldersridge Penna., now teaching in a soldiers orphan school at Daton, Armstrong Co., Penn. Both of these ladies are of good scholarship, have experience as teachers and are earnest christians. From conversations I have held with them and from letters I have received from them within a few days, I think there is every reason to think they would both come if the means for their support could be raised. Please let me know at as early date as possible whether to proceed in this matter.

I am very anxious that a strenuous effort be now made on the behalf of these Indians. Railroads are approaching us and with them come increasing temptations as well as comforts. Of course if you can raise the funds it will be some time before the teachers can be here.

Did you hear that fifty dollars had been given by a band towards our organ, sent to Mrs. Boyd, treasurer. If the organ can be ready by a certain time (of course I will keep you posted probably about April 1st) the agent here will secure free transportation from the end of the R.R. when ready, I will send shipping directions.

My wife has not been well for a month past.

Very Sincerely Yours,  
A. S. Donaldson

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23 Centre st. New York  
Feb. 15, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson:

Mrs. J. A. P. McGaw of Urbana, Ohio writes me urgently for you to come there on wednesday, March 3th. They give up their regular prayer meeting to hear you. It is now on way to Columbus where I hope you can be on Friday the 5th of March and Toledo the next sunday, March 7th at Cincinnati. Mrs Robert Folsom writes you to stay with them 57 Walnut st.

Hoping you are not all used up before you fairly begin.

Yours Respectfully,  
F. E. H. Haines

P.S. I expect to take the night train for Pittsburg next Monday evening.

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Animas City, Col.  
Feb. 16, 1880

Dear Sir:



I feel so rejoiced over the fine smooth way the church is proceeding here that I must write to you. We will have communion the last sabbath of this month and we expect to unite on profession, Jane Keough and perhaps the rest of the family Mr. Ray &.

We have a grand choir now which has sprung up independent of me. Mrs. Dephert plays the organ and also teaches a class in the Sunday school.

One of the largest saloons has closed since I made my lectures on liquor and the young man has gone into a better business. I hope I have had some influence in the matter here the christians are earnestly at work and services are well attended, the people object to my leaving at least the country. It would be very unwise to leave this point without preaching any length of time. The rush through here to Rico will be tremendous, everybody seems bound for Rico. I would like to see a man in here before I leave for the east. Will wait till April 1st if necessary in order to see everything secure here before I leave. If I should go in the middle of March I will stop on the road and preach at Pagossa so the board shall have my full services up to next year. I still feel that I should like to have another field next year. Also that I wish to go home by way of Omaha.

I have not seen a copy of the Rocky Mountain Presby. since it has been enlarged. Am I entitled to one? I did not like to speak of it but would like to see the new paper. Saw on my wedding trip your publication copied in the New York Observer from your paper.

Many thanks and my best wishes to you and yours.

Yours,  
Wm. C. Beebe

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Lake City, Col.  
Feb. 12, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Please do me the favor of sending me a half fare pass from Alamosa to Neb. City.

I must get Mrs. D. out of this country. I am already \$400 in debt and my expenses are outrageous. I have a nurse hired and you know what that means in this country. It simply means for a family \$150 per month.

I baptized five adults last month and received six by letter.

The trustees have let articles for the enlarging of the church.

Yours in Christ,  
Geo. M. Darley



Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Feb. 20, 1880

My Dear Sir:

I wish I knew where to address you today so that you would be sure to get the letter directly, and I hope you will be in Washington very soon after you get this. The matter of the location of the Pueblo Indian Industrial school may need attention at the department. I have selected and surveyed an excellent location on the San Felipe Grant and have the written agreement of all of the officers of the Pueblo to execute a lease to the U. S. for 160 acres for a period of ninety nine years. I probably have not the authority under Sec. 2116 R. S. to negotiate such a lease, and have, therefore submitted today a full report of the case to the Indian office, and requested definite instructions in regard to executing the lease some of the legal minds at Washington may furnish up legal obstacles in the way of such a lease being executed at all; but there need be no obstacles that cannot be removed unless it is so willed. The Indians own the land, have a patent to it and are willing to lease, and the thing must be done. The location is first rate; I have the advertisement out for building contract; the proposed building is first rate and this whole thing has got to be put through. I may not get to Washington for sometime yet, so have a "strong ran" at Washington if you are not to be there, attend to the matter judiciously and promptly.

I wish very much that you would also see about this proposed new apportionment of Agencies among the churches. The Catholics are going to get the Pueblo if they can. They have more than their share of Agencies now, and we cannot afford to let them have this one. Touchard has been to Washington.

Who is it that is making arrangements for 45 Pueblo children to go to the Carlisle school? Is it you? It is a good thing in case it is not a Catholic move.

Please answer me in regard to all these matters. Have you anything new on Indians matters? I am in a great hurry. Mrs Thomas expect to start east on the 25th inst.  
With kindest regards.

Yours,

B. M. Thomas

Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
23 Centre st.  
New York

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Las Vegas, New Mexico  
Feb. 21, 1880

S. Jackson, Esq.  
Dear Brother:



I am troubling you with another letter in regard to our church affairs here. The church is in such a bad state there seems to be no one to take hold, but I can't stand by and see it sink without making one more effort to save it. About two weeks ago Mr. Nertsolt (Elder from Trinidad) who has removed to this place and myself send a request to the board for a change. Mr. Anis announced from his pulpit for two sabbaths that there would be a meeting in the school house adjoining the church on Monday eve, Feb 9th, for the purpose of considering his relation to the church. I went at the appointed time two others come one of them a Methodist. I told Mr. A. I could not be there on the next Monday night so we adjourned till Tuesday evening, Feb. 17th. In the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 16th Mr. A. went around and called a meeting for that evening at which he got a few outside friends. Some 10 or 12 persons, not one of them a member of the church here. The main leader was a Mr. Fleeman a Methodist, who was then already to move from this place to M. O. and has gone, another was a Baptist a Mr. Sloan a traveling salesman for a St. Louis house who resides in Salina, Kan. Now if that is Presbyterianism I have been raised wrong and am ready to step down and out. We have twice as many Presbyterians in this place out of the church as there is in who are waiting the action of the board. They have promised me not to unite with any other church until they see if we are to have another minister. I am Supt. of the S.S. it is doing well, just getting on solid ground.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours Truly,

B. B. Borden

P. S. Enclosed I send a letter from our former pastor (one in regular correspondence) to show that we have the good of the church at heart.

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Helena, Montana

February, 21, 1880

To Drs. Kendall and Dickson,  
Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brethern:

The Presbytery of Montana met here on the 13th and adjourned on the 17th. It appointed a committee of which I was made chairman to thoroughly investigate the causes of general dissatisfaction felt throughout Montana everywhere, and as far as we could learn by everybody with Dr. Sheldon Jackson's relations to our missionary work in this Presbytery.

We fairly and fully examined all sides of the question, whether Dr. Jackson was blameworthy and whether we ought to make a showing of his doings and neglect to the Board, and we



answered in the affirmative. The truth is what the Board is entitled to, and if the truth shall hurt Doctor Jackson that is his fault not ours.

I herewith send you the resolutions adopted by the Presbytery upon the recommendation of our committee. + + + +

(Signed) George G. Smith.

Action of the Presbytery of Montana

Resolved that the Presbytery of Montana in session at Helena, February 13 to 17, 1880, respectfully represents to the Board of Home Missions that the Presbytery is strongly and unánimously opposed to having the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, synodical missionary, Synod of Colorado, devote any part of his time or attention to working within the bounds of this Presbytery. For the Presbytery's judgement of the inexpediency of having him visit our churches in Montana or attempt to plant new churches, the subjoined reasons are given:-

1st, The conspicuously unwise course pursued in 1872 when he organized a number of churches in this territory.

Specifications: First, at Missoula in 1872 he organized a church of two members, a "freighter" named Cunningham who was in Missoula for only one night and was induced to act the part of a ruling elder for the occasion. He was installed and departed from the town the next day and has not been seen in Missoula since, excepting once last summer when he stayed in town over one Sabbath and spent the day in unloading freight not deigning to go near the Presbyterian church. The other member was a Methodist woman who had quarreled with her pastor; she had not the confidence or respect of the community. Of course the church died instantly. It was reorganized in 1876.

Second, He organized the Hamilton church with two members. It died and was reorganized anew by Father Crittendam.

Third, The church at Virginia City he organized with six or seven members and made no suitable provision for perserving its existence. Mr. Frackelton visited it not more than twice and Mr. Romel once, and then it died and is now extinct.

Fourth, He organized a church at Gallatin City: To form the church, he tried to persuade a man and his wife to withdraw from the Methodist church which was already organized. They (Mr. & Mrs. Ray) refused; he was importunate in his effort to induce them to consent to enter his organization.

Second.

He neglected his field after he began (professedly) to till it.

Specification: First, He neglected to send missionaries to the churches.

Second, On his subsequent visits to the territory his flight through this region was so hurried that he could not learn the true condition of the churches which were then alive. When he was in Deer Lodge and Helena he heard certain reports about the church in Missoula.



It was his duty to investigate these reports fully and fairly. He did not go near Missoula nor adopt any wise or adequate means to thoroughly inform himself of the true state of affairs in that church.

Third, On all visits later than that of 1872 he altogether neglected those towns and places where no Presbyterian churches were in existence although a wide field, ready as it lay, lay open and ready to be seeded with the gospel truth.

#### Third.

He made rash promises which he was unable or unwilling to fulfill or even satisfactorily withdraw.

Specifications. First, He promised each church an organized minister.

Second, He promised to three minister the church at Helena.

Third, He promised to two ministers the palace of Presbyterian Missionary or his influence to secure them the place when he knew that but one could secure the appointment. If he changed his mind after making the first promise he should have frankly written to the minister to whom he first made the promise and declared the change of mind.

#### Fourth.

He made mischief between the brethren.

Specifications: He asked Mr. Russel for confidential information about the standing and the work of Mr. Cook, Mr. Russel gave him the substance of a letter written by a man who lived in Missoula. The letter was not kind or fair to Mr. Cook but Mr. Russel did not mean that Dr. Jackson to depend wholly upon representations made by the writer of the letter or upon the impressions made by the letter upon Mr. Russel's own mind. He wished Dr. Jackson to learn by visiting Missoula the true state of affairs there. Instead of doing this he unwisely revealed Mr. Russel's impressions to Mr. Hewitt, though they reached Mr. Cook and that produced for a time a heart burning and mischief in the Presbytery. Only grace and time repaired the evil done.

Resolved, That the Presbytery requests the Board of Home Missions to leave henceforth the work of planting and fostering Presbyterian churches in Montana to be done by the Presbytery through its appointed Agencies, Geo. G. Smith

M. L. Cook

C. L. Richards

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Denver, Col.

March, 31, 1880



Rev. Drs. Kendall and Dickson,  
Secretaries.

Sirs:

Yours of recent date, enclosing, to me the action of the Presbytery of Montana, taken February 13 to 17, is received. I thank you for an opportunity of replying to the charge of the brethren and Presbytery in Montana, a courtesy which they did not extend to me.

I, The Rev. George G. Smith, in his letter of February 21 to you writes that the Presbytery "fairly and fully examined all sides". They certainly did not ask for my side of explanations. He also writes, "Dr. Jackson, the brethren assure me, advised the brethren to make allowance for the Board cutting down appropriations and to ask for more than they expected." I emphatically deny having done so in their or any other similar case.

Now for the specifications with reference to the organizations of churches. Bear in mind that in 1872 Montana was expecting the speedy building of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and was receiving a large immigration. It was then considered a wise policy to seize central points. Consequently I organized churches at Helena, Deer Lodge, Missoula, Hamilton, Gallatin, Bozeman, and Virginia City, also urged the sending of a missionary to Fort Benton as well. These places at that time were the strategic points and are yet with the exception of Gallatin and Hamilton. Glendale and Miles City have grown up since. Gallatin being at the forks of the Missouri River was expected to be a great place on the Northern Pacific Railroad. Consequently in the selection of points I simply did what any other missionary or the Presbytery would have done in my place. Having selected the points, I did what any other synodical missionary would have done, that is, use the material I could find in the organization of the churches.

(1) At Missoula, Mr. Cunningham, the elder, is referred to as a "freighter". I found him living on a farm a few miles from the village and he agreed to come to the meetings on the Sabbath when a minister came. A year or two afterwards he took sufficient interest in the church to write me a letter concerning the Rev. Mr. Russell's management there. Mrs M. E. McKee, the lady, was a Presbyterian by birth, training and conviction but married a Methodist Episcopal husband. She came to her own church and afterwards her husband joined her and they were both members in standing of the Presbyterian church of Los Angeles, Cal. Soon afterwards Miss Sims, a friend of mine, moved there. Other Presbyterians moved in and the old organization could have been carried through successfully if Mr. Russell had given it the ordinary attention that a Presbyterian minister situated as he should have done and was commissioned to do by the Board. (2) The church at Hamilton was killed by Rev. Mr. Frackleton (of whom the secretaries have some knowledge) as were also the churches of Virginia City and Gallatin. But for the first organization at Helena the second would have had no



existence. It was simply the continuation of the first.

(3) Virginia City: neglected by Mr. Frackleton, who had charge of it.

(4) Gallatin City: The same neglect by Mr. Frackleton. It was organized with five members. Do not remember about Mr. and Mrs. Ray, I received however a Mr. and Mrs. Rea. If "Ray" was another family I presume they were Presbyterians in the Methodist church, as I often found them there when there was no church of their own. If this was the case I would again urge them to come into their own church.

II. The Presbytery affirms, "Dr. Jackson neglected the field."

Specifications:

(a) "He neglected to send missionaries." To that I replied that I secured Russell for Deer Lodge and Ronnel for Helena and Frackleton for Gallatin Valley, Hamilton, and Virginia City. I furnished every organization with preaching. Messrs. Frackleton and Russell proving inefficient, the work suffered through them. I afterwards secured Mr. Richards for Bozeman and Mr. Cook for Missoula.

(b) "His visits were hasty." Necessarily. I spent from one day to a week in every Presbyterian church in the territory except Missoula at each visit. I did not go to other portions of the territory as the staging was tedious and expensive and no good results could come from it as the Board of Missions were unwilling to increase their force of men. I secured men for both Benton and Miles City but the Board would not appoint them.

III. "He made rash promises, which he was unable or unwilling to fulfill."

Specifications:

(a) "He promised each church organized a minister." Reply I only promised to try and get ministers for groups of churches which I succeeded in doing.

(b) "Promised the church at Helena to three ministers." I deny it, the files of the Board will show such a claim was an afterthought of Mr. Russell.

(c) "To use his influence to secure two men the place of Presbyterian missionary." Mr. Russell talked with me about it, but I did not promise him my influence. I urged the appointment of Mr. Hewitt, as the files of the Board will show. It is true that the church in Montana has not accomplished much, but it is due to no want of faithfulness on my part. I have kept every section of it in mind and have had constant and regular knowledge of changes and growth. The want of greater success is due, however, to two causes: first, the remoteness of the country from the railroads; the slow increase of population (not as many in 1878 as in 1872) and the general discouragement attendant upon the failure of Jay Cook and the suspension of the building of the Northern Pacific Railroad. People were leaving the country and the churches were suffering in consequence.



Second, the failure and inefficiency of Messrs. Russell and Frackleton, two of the early missionaries.

Very Truly Yours,  
(Signed) Sheldon Jackson

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Washington, D.C.  
Sept. 16, 1903

Rev. George Edwards,  
Stated Clerk and Historian of the Synod of Montana.  
Box 502,  
Great Falls, Mont.

Dear Brother:

Thank you for yours of March 21, giving me an opportunity of placing myself right with regard to the charges of the Presbytery of Montana, Feb. 13--17, 1880. I did not take any notice of it at the time for the reason that I was too busy in looking after the churches to consume my time in controversy, but now, with increasing years, having more time, I have thought it best to write the synod in order that the facts of the case may be better understood by the future historian who may have occasion to search the records.

I forward you by this mail a copy of my letter of March 31, 1890 to the Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions in reply to their request for information. In looking over that letter I think that my reply should have been fuller in detail than it was. I forward a copy of that letter to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Butte, that the Presbytery being, as I understand, the successor of the Presbytery of Montana and having the care of the original records.

Permit me to mention certain established principles that govern the establishment of churches. The command to preach the gospel everywhere assumes that believers will be gathered into groups or distinct organizations. These organizations should be located in every community. If, however, at the beginning there are not a sufficient number of ministers or a sufficient amount of funds to do this, then it is wisdom to take the larger and more influential communities first and from them as centers radiate out to smaller communities. The Apostles did that, especially Paul, who labored in the chief cities of his day, and the same principle has been observed from that day to this. In the carrying out of this principle in our land a modification has arisen that in the newer sections of the land the Presbyterians and Congregationalists would not both occupy the same place unless it was a place sufficiently large for two organizations, but if one or the other had occupied a certain place the other would pass it by. Keeping this principle in mind, I entered Montana in 1859 not by direction of the mission board of the church but on my own volition and at my own expense. I visited Helena the chief city.



Finding a small number of Presbyterians there I organized them into a church, thereby pre-empting the place for the Presbyterian Church. After my return to the states while looking up a suitable minister for the church one of the leading men of the new church wrote me himself and an associate not to attempt to send a minister at once as they could not support him.

To my entreaties for ministers for Montana the Board of Missions replied that they had not sufficient funds but they would appoint as many missionaries as I would raise the funds to support. I then raised among the churches and my friends two salaries which went to the support of Rev. James R. Russell at Deer Lodge and Missoula, and Rev. W. C. Rommell at Helena; and after the arrival of Rev. Crittenden in the fall of 1872, when he became discouraged and was ready to leave the territory, I secured a partial support for his family, which enabled him to remain in the country.

Now to the complaints of the Presbytery:

1. "Unwise course in organizing churches in 1872." On the principles of chief places I took Helena, Deer Lodge, Missoula, Gallatin, Hamilton, Bozeman, Virginia City, and urged a minister for Fort Benton. I did not organize at the latter point as there was not even two communicants to organize with. Gallatin was then a very small place but had prospective importance, the Northern Pacific Railroad men expecting at that time to have a junction point near the forks of the rivers.

Specifications:

(1) "At Missoula in 1872 he organized a church of two members. It was an important point. Mr. Cunningham, the elder, is referred to as a freighter and his only remaining the town over for night. I found him living on a ranch near by and had his promise to attend services regularly whenever a minister should come. A year or two afterwards he took sufficient interest in the church to write me a letter concerning Mr. Russell's mismanagement there. The member is referred to as a Methodist woman who had quarreled with her pastor and had not the confidence or the respect of the community". Mrs. M. E. McKee, the lady referred to, was a Presbyterian by birth, training and conviction, married to a Methodist man. In uniting with the Presbyterian church she came to her own, and afterward her husband united with her in the Presbyterian church. They were sufficiently respectable to be afterwards members in good standing of a Presbyterian church in Los Angeles, Cal. Soon afterwards Miss Sims, an active Presbyterian friend of mine, moved there. Other Presbyterians moved into the place until there was as many at Missoula as at Deer Lodge. They composed the working christian element of the place. The church organized in 1872 would have lived and flourished if the minister had done his duty.

(2) "He organized the Hamilton church with two members and it died."



Emphasis seems to be placed on the smallness of the membership. In looking over the roll of about 200 Presbyterian churches which God in his great love allowed me to establish, I find four churches organized with practically two members each as follows: Blair, Neb. Aug. 15, 1869; 2 members; in 1903 35 members; and who can compute the blessing of 34 years of preaching in that community due to the organization of that church. Pueblo, Colo. Feb. 27, 1870, 4 members. Two ladies lived in the village and I went out to a ranch 16 miles away to get a man and his wife to make the 4, the man being made ruling elder. In 1903 that same church organized practically with 2 ladies has grown into 5 Presbyterian churches with 977 members. Golden, Colo. March 7, 1870, 4 members 3 women and 1 man, and the next time I heard from that church the man, a ruling elder, had left the women and joined another denomination; but the three women went to work, built a church building and with the aid of the Board of Missions secured a minister, and now (1903) have 142 members. Other small churches range thus: Houston, Minn, 3 members, now 30; Rochester, 4 members, now 169; Eyota 4 members now 36; Austin 4 members now 145; Columbus 3 now 66; Fremont, 3 now 256 Madison 3 now 117. It is not the smallness of numbers that killed Missoula and Hamilton but the neglect of the ministers who were appointed and paid by the Board of Home Missions to minister to them.

(3) "Made no suitable provision for preserving its (Virginia City) existence." I secured the appointment of Rev. Mr. Prackleton to minister to it part of the time. His failure to do so was the cause of its death.

(4) "Gallatin City. Tried to persuade a man and his wife to withdraw from the Methodist church." In frontier communities it is very common for christians of various denominations to place their membership temporarily with the first Evangelical denomination that makes a start in the village with the understanding that when their own church comes they are liberty to unite with it. The good feeling at Gallatin was voiced by the following statement which was unanimously adopted at their meetings:

"Whereas, that the undersigned members of the Presbyterian and other churches united with the Methodist church at Gallatin because there was no Presbyterian church in the neighborhood, and with the understanding that when a Presbyterian church should be formed we were at liberty to return to our own church; and,

"Whereas the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions, is present to organize said church and cannot remain until we can secure the usual certificates of dismissal;

"Therefore, in entering into this new organization of a Presbyterian church we feel not only the friendliest feelings toward our late associates in the Methodist church, but would also express our earnest prayer and desire that the same



pleasant co-operation in the Lord's work may continue in our new relations as sister churches in this place."

II. "Neglected his field after he began professedly to till it."

Specifications:

(1) "He neglected to send missionaries to the churches." As already written, I secured Mr. Russell for Deer Lodge and Missoula and raised his salary; Mr. Frackleton for Virginia City, Gallatin, Hamilton, and Bozeman. Every Presbyterian church in the territory was thus provided for. I also raised money that made it possible for Mr. Crittenham and his family to work in the Gallatin Valley, and afterwards secured Mr. Richards for Bozeman and Mr. Cook for Missoula. I also secured ministers for Fort Benton and Miles City, but the Board of Home Missions were \$175,000 in debt and they refused to open these fields.

When I returned to the States from Montana I visited the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., and there 20 members of the senior class wrote the Board of Home Missions offering to go to Montana or elsewhere in the home mission field, but the Board did not accept them. Thus you will see that it was not my fault if Montana did not have more missionaries. But to return to the condition in 1872: every organization was provided with preaching if the men that had been appointed to do the work and were receiving the pay for the same had complied with the requirements of their commission. Messrs. Russell and Frackleton were young and vigorous men and at the time unmarried. It would have required no special hardship for them to have given their churches each at least monthly service and taken in the adjoining fields besides. The work required of them would have been considered easy in comparison to that which was being done at that very time by a score of brethren in other sections of the frontier field. If the brethren expected to travel by stage, of course, they could not afford the expense nor would the Board of Missions been able to do so. But native ponies were cheap in those days. Better yet, if their zeal had been sufficient, they would have walked. Less than a day's walk would bring them to a small settlement or at least a ranch, where they could tell the Gospel story to the assembled ranchmen. Doing this where would have been no charge for their accommodations over night. The next night another centre could be reached without hardship and another religious service held; and so on round the entire circuit. A blessed chance was given them to reach and save scores of immortal souls and without pecuniary cost to themselves. This plan was practical, reasonable, and what I planned for when I mapped out their fields and what the Board commissioned them to do. And I was not asking anything that I was not willing to do myself. When I entered the home mission work my field from 1859 to 1864 covered 8 large counties in Minnesota; my remotest preaching point over 100 miles from my home on the Mississippi River, which was the basis of operation. I was on a



salary of \$300, from the Board of Missions and perhaps received another hundred from the people. The first year I had no horse, but made my circuit on foot except when some farmer going the same way offered me a ride. Another missionary to Minnesota whose horse was sick and who was prepared to hire a horse for the 84 miles required to reach a regular preaching place, hearing from the Board that his salary had been reduced one-half by the necessities of the time during the Civil War, gave up his plan of hiring a horse and walked. But it may be argued that Minnesota was a different field from Montana. In some respects it was, but the ranch houses along the road travelled by Messrs. Russell and Frackleton in 1872 and '5 were as frequent and as close together as the farm houses in the frontier counties of Minnesota in 1860. But if the comparison is not sufficiently strong between Montana and Minnesota, take the new mining districts in the mountains of Colorado in 1870-80. A mining camp would no sooner get started than either I visited it myself or sent some other missionary to visit it in case I could not. And if the place was important a neighboring missionary would be requested to hold a regular monthly or bi-monthly service at the place until a permanent minister could be provided for it.

When the new mining camp of Ouray on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains was opened I wrote Rev. George M. Darley that I wished he would visit it as often as he could and hold it for the church until a minister could be provided. Without stopping to consider whether it was a hard or an easy job he started out on foot through snow 1 to 5 feet deep, 125 miles, a round trip of 250 miles, taking 21 days on a trail which each way required him to ford the Uncompahgre River, a rushing mountain torrent of ice water, waist deep, 21 times. When it came for his second trip the river was so swollen with the summer floods that the trail was impassable and it became necessary to cross the main range of the mountains between 13 and 14 thousand feet high. This trip I made with him on foot myself and we organized the church. On the third trip he canvassed the place for a church building, which was erected and dedicated in 60 days from the reception of the first contribution. Nor was Mr. Darley an exceptional missionary in his zeal. Associated with me in my work in Minnesota and afterwards in Colorado were a score of just such men. The difficulty was not in the distance between Deer Lodge and Missoula nor in the distance between the groups of churches between Bozeman and Virginia City, but the difficulty was in the men. They were fresh from places of comfort and not acquainted with the roughing of the frontier, and my mistake was not in organizing several weak churches but in taking two untried young men for opening the work. I should have secured two men from Colorado and taken them to Montana.

(2) "His visits were hasty, &., &." Necessarily so. Because the Board would not divide my field I was trying to cover the whole country from Mexico to Canada, but while I tried to un-



prove every moment. Yet I spent from one day to a week in every Presbytery church in the territory except Missoula at each visit to the place. I also kept informed of the progress of all the sections of the territory, but the Board had refused to enlarge the work, and I had not the heart to visit sections and say to the exiled Presbyterians, "Your church is too poor to help give you the Gospel."

I am blamed further of not going to Missoula and investigating Mr. Cook. That was the duty of the Presbytery and not of the Superintendent of Missions.

III. "He made rash promises, etc., etc."

Specifications:

(1) "He promised each church organized a minister." I deny that I promised each church organized a minister's whole time. I promised to secure them stated services, the same minister preaching at two or more places. This promise I carried out. A minister was commissioned for every church organized in the territory.

(2) "Promised the Helena to three ministers. When Mr. Russell was my guest in Denver I may have said to him naturally, talking about the fields in Montana, that I had no doubt the first minister to reach Montana would have the choice of fields. I do not remember whether I said that or not, but before he left Colorado to go to Montana I was called into consultation with the Board in New York and there notified that they wished Mr. Rommell to go to Helena, the chief place. Returning to Col. I notified Mr. Russell that the Board had appointed Mr. Rommell for Helena. This was done in the presence of witnesses. Mr. Russell was under no obligation to go to Montana if he had not so chosen. He could probably have secured a field in Colorado, or elsewhere, but he chose to go to Montana after having been told that Helena was provided for. After reaching Montana it was definitely understood and stated at the various points in Montana where the question came up that Mr. Russell's field would be Deer Lodge and Missoula, but until the arrival of Mr. Rommell he would supply Helena and Deer Lodge. This understanding was acknowledged by Mr. Russell in a letter to me, which I sent to the Board and which I presume is on file among their records.

(3) "To use his influence to secure two men the place of Presbyterian missionary." Mr. Russell talked with me about the position but I gave him no encouragement; indeed, after his want of zeal to occupy the destitute places and his lack of energy to occupy places for which he was paid and knew that he had not the first elements of a successful Presbyterian missionary. I deny promising him my influence because I had made up my mind to give it to Rev. Mr. Hewitt, then at Helena. As to the second and third counts, salary and travelling expenses, I can only say that Mr. Russell, if he received an impression from my talk that he was to have a larger salary, that he misapprehended what I said. I had been too long in the work and had dealt with too many missionaries and had had too



many disappointments with the action of the Board of Missions to make any definite promises concerning salary or travelling expenses. I could only say that I will recommend the Board to do so and so, and I probably said to Mr. Russell that if he found the salary not sufficient that I would try and have it increased; and I did try, and it was in part owing to my influence that the salary was increased after he moved to Deer Lodge.

It is true that the church in Montana during the 70's did not grow very rapidly but that was due to no want of faithfulness on my part. I kept every section of it in mind and had constant and regular knowledge of changes of population and communities. The want of greater success was due partially to two causes: (1) the remoteness of the country to the railroads, the slow increase of population (not as many in 1878 as in 1872) and the general discouragement attendant upon the failure of Jay Cook and the suspension of the building of the Northern Pacific Railroad. People were leaving the country on account of hard times and the churches were suffering in consequence. (2) The failures and inefficiency of Messrs. Russell and Frackleton, two of the early missionaries.

Very Truly Yours,  
Sheldon Jackson

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Butte City, Mont.  
Feb. 2, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson.

I come pleading in the name of the dear Savior who died upon the cross for sinners, to send us a minister to help us in the great work there is for christians to do in this place. I was heart sick the first of last Sept. when I came to Butte and learned the condition of religion in this Territory and particularly the future prospect for the Presbyterian church in this place. I called on Mr. Russell's family and there I learned all the deficiencies of the Home Mission Board and from his own tongue I learned that the Rev. S. Jackson was a "liar" and a "mischievous" beautiful language for a man of God to use. I thought then that something must be done here where were perishing souls with sin and vice on every side not knowing when Sabbath day came. And no one to lead the few christians there were here.

But looking on the bright side I took courage for a time hoping that a good work might take place in his Mr. Russell's own heart and expressing myself to that effect to a christian lady not long since, she said Mrs. Short when you know Mr. Russell as long as I have you will give up that hope. Now we have a congregation here that many a pastor ever a city church would be proud of. We have not got many members as yet but with an energetic Godly man our number could be doubled in one year's time and in two years we could have a church build-



ing and be self sustaining and do something for the Missions Boards.

This is a wealthy country and everybody even to the poorest miner get good wages, and a portion of it all should be consecrated to God. We have an intelligent congregation and deserving of a different Pastor than Mr. Russell will ever make for I do not think that he will ever do any good in the Ministry with the Companion he has. I sincerely ask God to forgive me if I have done anything wrong in writing you as I have for my heart is so full that I could not keep quiet any longer. We also know that faith without works is dead and I have faith that God will send us helpers.

Our congregation complain among themselves and are afraid to do anything against Mr. Russell. I felt that our first duty is to our God.

What I have said and done has not been done to injure Mr. Russell, but I felt it a duty I owed my God instead of finding fault and complaining among the members I appeal to our Board to send us a minister that we can at least respect.

We could have a good Sunday school if we had any certain place to hold our school I have a large class of boys that I gathered up off the street that I keep pretty well together by being every Sabbath with them.

We must have a church and we can have if you will only remove the stumbling blocks out of the way.

My daily prayer is that God may send us helpers and I know he will for his word tells me so every time I turn to it when I get so discouraged that I almost give up in despair. What would we do without the dear Bible.

What I have written you I would not like to have made know to Mr. Russell I will give you the names of my former Pastors if you doubt anything I have said. It seems a very strange thing for me to do to my Pastor for I have always been blessed in having noble Godly men for Pastors.

Please send me a copy of Rocky Mountain Presbyterian.

Respectfully Yours,  
(Signed) Mrs. M. S. Short

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Zuni, New Mexico

March 1, 1880

Dr. Sheldon Jackson;  
Dear Brother:

I ought to have written sooner about the P. O. but as I had gone to considerable trouble getting bondman I felt some little perplexed to think my bond had never been forwarded to Washington. It must be in Wingate in charge of the P. M. if it is not in Washington. The bond was signed by Mr. Crane of Bacon Springs and Dr. Ealy of Daton, Ohio. I do not care to get out a new one, until I know why the first



was rejected. Our boys average for February is eighteen and the girls average is twenty-five. We are very much encouraged with the progress of our scholars. You have written nothing about a new school house; remember this is the one great thing needful. I am looking for the Indians back from Laguna with the good school books, medicine, clothing etc which the government is giving to the mission for distribution.

Regards from all,  
T. F. Ealy.

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Board of Home Missions  
of Presbyterian Church of U. S. A.  
23 Centre St., New York  
March 1st, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Yours from Harrisburg reached me yesterday at the Mission house. I want you to write me from Allegany if possible as to what you heard and saw at Washington. We signed and forwarded contracts for Navajos and Moquis. Saturday P. M. I enclose a letter from Dr. Darling of Albany. Nothing has come to me by express from Princeton but whom shall I write about it? Don't forget to tell me.

Men come mighty hard. McMillan reports a new church at Ephraim of sixteen and ten conversions at Nephi. Let us write to Donaldson about the school. You know what to say much better than I. Money has come in slowly since you left here. I begin to fear we shall not surpass last year, but I am bound to push for men all the same. Do you find out by Dr. Wilson the true inwardness of the breakdown of the boys there last year. You will have to meet it in your talk this year. I am in such a hurry to get this off that I can't think what to write.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Board of Home Missions of Presbyterian Church of U.S.A.  
23 Centre St., New York  
March 1st, 1880

The young men in our Theological Seminaries show a remarkable reluctance this year to offer themselves to frontier missionary work. Dr. S. W. of Auburn, New York has given us twenty-five hundred dollars to furnish the average support \$250 each to ten missionaries. We wish to organize a "W" band of ten young men to form one or two new presbyteries on the frontier. The interest on the late "Lyon Legacy" \$25,000 is also to be paid to four men west of the Mississippi- California, Arizona and Nevada calls for men. Minnesota synod for twelve, the other western synods will send in similar lists. What shall we do? Let every synodical missionary move on recent graduates in their fields to reach back to their friends in the seminaries and in every possible way endeavor to awaken the



missionary spirit in them all and induce able and promising men to join them. Send forth facts, appeals and letters to give an impetus to the spring campaign. The demand is very great and the field is very wide and white to the harvest but where are the reaper?

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

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Georgetown/ Col.  
Mar. 5th, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir;-

I heard of your being in Troy a short time ago and suppose you are now back in Denver or on your way there. Just before I came up here Dr. Bliss wrote me he had a good man to send to Idaho. I wrote him that I did not think it would be well to do so as the church was practically dead, and the board had agreed to sell their mortgage to the Methodist. I think that is the best thing that can be done with the property there. It is a drag on the Presbyterian denomination to try and support a minister there, for the people themselves have done very little to help for the last three years. The money raised by selling the mortgage can be used in a more hopeful field. I think the board will make by the operation. There are but five men left here. None of them are able to help much in the support of the pastor and all have been seen of the subject by myself personally in regard to selling the church property and all are agreed as to the propriety of so doing. For some time I have felt that there has been a curse resting on that church for the manner in which things have been done by those in authority. We have not gained in membership though opportunity has been given. There may be plenty to say they don't want the Methodist brethren to have it but none are members and could do little to help any one. I do not think denominational pride should make us hold on to a dead thing. It will be best for the Presbyterians in the end to sell that church for several reasons- first, as I said for the curse which seems to rest upon it; secondly because the building is a poorly constructed one and needs a good deal of money to put it in a decent and safe shape and I see no use in spending any more money upon it. The wind now shakes it so there is danger of more plaster falling. Some has fallen in the last three or four weeks; thirdly, there are not enough members to keep it up and as to finding men in town we will have to search hard to find any one who will go in and help. They have not done so in times past when they have had opportunity and I see no reason to expect them now.

Miss Fisher helped in the care of Mr. Crisman and family.



When I say help, I do not refer to the fairs or festivals or anything of that kind, plenty are willing to do that but in that ready going way which is a real help to the Pastor and church. 4th, The Meth. have a membership of 30 to 50 . They will build if they cannot buy our church. There are not enough people to support two Pastors, and as they have the people of means, a Presbyterian minister would have to be supported by the Board entirely. Judging from the support given while I have been in Idaho I would say that was not much. Mr. Johnson had to leave because he did not get anything from the Board while in Idaho, or could not get enough there to help him along. Mr. Crisman had to leave for the same reason. Mr. Whyte had to teach school to support himself, and what is the use of going on in that way? 5th, The Board have agreed to sell the mortgage for a certain sum. Should they go back in their agreement it would make the Presbyterian denomination held in a very bad way in that town. Many have not liked the way in which some of our Presbyterian brethren have acted and I would not had I been there. Parson Rice is one of the very few whose names have been above reproach in church affairs and I should dislike to see any more reproach brought upon the Presbyterian denomination. As to the increase of the town in population and value it has some but to no alarming extent. It is growing it is true but the increase is principally in miners who would be no help to the Presbyterian denomination as they are almost to a man Methodists before they came there and would join the Methodist church by instinct. It would be better in the end to sell out, and if there ever are enough people to form a decent church membership let a new one be started, but there is no earthly use in trying to resuscitate a dead church. I know what it is for I have tried for nearly three years to keep it alive, and could not.

I would write more but must now close.

Very Respectfully Yours,  
W. A. Peck

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Animas City, Colo..  
March 8, 1880

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

You have not answered my last letters, I presume it is because you are away or are too busy, I do not mind it but before I go east I very much desire to hear from you. I want to go east at once as soon as this year is out. Our people here are very anxious to know whether my leaving leaves them without preaching. It will be a great misfortune if such is the case, they are very interested now. Yesterday we had a glorious communion service, two of Mrs. Keough's daughters united, a child was baptized and Bro. Daniel Wallace



was ordained elder.

The church now looks beautiful since being finished, it is getting quite too small. Yesterday of their own accord the citizens raised me a purse of \$92 in money. I would like if possible to hear from you as soon as you get this.

It is absolutely impossible to get to Rico yet and the people now there are almost reduced to starvation. There is no doubt of a big boom to these. Much lies here waiting.

Farmington, Lower Animas is growing, the R. R. is almost to Conejos.

Now if you can please write. My regards to all.

Yours Brother in Christ,  
W. C. Beebe

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Del Norte, Colo.

March, 8, 1880

My dear Doctor:

I sent you an article today on "Stop that man" as for an old promise and in hopes it might open the way to my commission to the Mexicans in securing \$1000 or so for a starter.

I resign my charge of the American churches, these valley children of mine tomorrow, feeling that I cannot longer conscientiously hold to them, both for their sake and need of more care than I can give them, and because I feel called of God and the Presbytery to the Mexican work as for my appointment, even though the Board does not seem to have the same idea that I think the Lord has. I have seen it stated that when a man is wanted as a missionary, he must become such in spite of every obstacle. I am determined to be such to my Mexican people, at what ever cost that is right in God's sight and feel if he wants me he will clear the way for me. I go to both Presbytery and Gen'l Assembly with that view. My resignation of American churches is to take effect on May 7th 1880 Two months more than 5 years after my commissioning to this work. My letter will give you an idea of what God has enabled me to do and suffer since then.

Bro. George's wife passed through here this week to Nebraska suffering from nervous prostration, so compelled to seek a lower altitude. Geo. comes out this month broken down in health, either for good or a vacation.

I close out here completely to get a little to send Mrs. D. and family east, and to be foot free, for if I fail to get this Mexican commission I shall seek a foreign field. If that fails a quiet pastorate for study and authorship. This is my set determination. The Board must not dally longer than once more to forever lose me, if they count me of any value. I only seek God's will, and so far as I know myself, these are all the three things I can think of. If the dear Lord wants me any where, and makes it plainer than these three successive



things, he can have me even unto death.

Please get a man for Del Norte, Alamosa 30 miles from here, and 1st La Jara 15 miles from there and 40 from here, with any other stations he may make. He can have the personage immediately on paying you the \$25 down when enters. It has seven rooms, a wood house, he house, a good barn, well fenced and on hand enough to give house and pickets in front one or two coats of paint. A good well, a good ditch, a garden spot, well irrigated, right by the public school, and pleasantly situated in the nicest town in S. W. Colorado and I hope to have every church out of debt. There is also a room to stop in in Alamosa with a neat church centrally located, and neatly fenced. Church fuel and light to be used in room. A pleasant country church on La Jara 10 acres of ground for church and personage, not a nicer circuit in the country. Country growing fast and all other inducements for any Appollos after this Paul.

Yours Ever,  
Alm. M. Darley

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Allegheny, Pa.

March, 8, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Your postal received as was your telegram with many regrets. We were all greatly disappointed that you could not come. It was too bad, ever so many wanted to see you personally, as well as to hear you from the pulpit.

As your friend? Gray, still abuses you occasionally, I always have him & Rev. Thompson here in the same boat, and did not suppose he would care to give you his pulpit, and if he did it might expose you to remarks from him that might be uncomplimentary, but I presume I am mistaken.

It is certainly very satisfactory to you especially to see how the Ladies are doing Home Mission work and so much owing to your efforts and **blessing of God.**

I very naturally contrast the present with the time of our first meeting in the Lecture room of the first church here, and the one held when Mrs. Haines was here also the one at the time of the Gen'l Assembly all in the same room. Surely it is the Lord's doings. Was delighted to have Mrs. Haines here, and among the ladies she did great good. I hope both yourself and she will return to Pittsburgh, and if we could afford to bring a home missionary here and elsewhere occasionally it would do the cause much good as it does for the Foreign Mission.

Congratulate you upon getting your work upon Alaska out Will try for a copy and one for the Soc. as I do want to have a home mission library started. Have a good many Rocky Mt. Presby. circulated, selling bricks for Logan Utah.

There is a Mrs. Brown the widow of an elder, her family



her brother Wm. Alter and family Mr. Gray (an elder in the 6th church here) and family, his mother and sister and others all relatives and will be when they all get there (to Nebraska) some thirty or more I believe. Everyone of them good earnest people, that I am sure Mr. Little will be glad to welcome. They go to Valley county 150 miles from Kearney, will be farmers. I wanted you to get to know them, and trust you will when they get to their western homes. Some go in April others in June and others in the fall. We shall miss them greatly for we cannot afford to lose many such people from the 6th.

I imagine you are at home again and having time to read my scribbling. You would laugh if you saw what I am using for my portfolio this morning, I'll tell you what it is, The Preamble and constitution of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Presbyterian church as prepared by, well I can see no name but I can recognize the handwriting any where. I resurrected it lately and showed it to Mrs. Haines, she thought the preamble excellent and I suggested working it into my report of the meeting held while she was here, and I did so, ie, I appended a part of it, but Bro. Allison did not see fit to publish that part and I'll never ask him why.

Mr. P. Joins me in regards to yourself and family.

Yours Respectfully,  
E. J. Paxton

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Valparaiso, Ind.  
March 9, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Sir and Brother:

"Thus far the Lord has led me on" in comfort and safety. I cannot describe the disappointment at Cincinnati about your not coming. The way is more than open you another time. The meetings have been well attended and friends say many facts new to them have been brought forward. Since I saw you have been at Cincinnati, Urbana, Columbus, and Bucyrus three meetings there.

I send on the other page list of appointments as arranged since receiving letters here at Valparaiso. It seems so strange for me to be called to such work as this. Mrs. Boyd received \$1291.12 for Feb.

March 11th	Rockford, Ill
" 12th	Clinton, Iowa
" 13th and 14th	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
" 16th	Omaha, Iowa
"	Kansas City, Mo.
" 18th	Topeka, Kansas
" 20th	Quincy, Ill.
" 24th	Decatur, Ill.
" 26th	Cairo, Ill.
" 27th	St. Louis, Ill.
" 15th	Des Moines, Iowa



Dr. Timothy Hill wants a meeting at Kansas City and may arrange for one. If so, he is to let you know for I am so hopeful you may meet me sometime.

I hope Mrs. Jackson is better, my love to her.

Word has come of the death of my oldest step-son W. A. Haines, he was at Palaska, Florida for his health. I thought at first this might call me home immediately on business but no word has come to that effect.

I know you pray about these meetings.

Yours Very Truly,

F. E. H. Haines

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Lake City, Colo.

March 9, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

Your postal just received, Mrs Darley and the children were at Del Norte the last I knew of them, they left Lake City on the 3th and have had a very hard time, the buck-board upset at mid-night and Mrs. Darley is nearly used up. She and the children were taken to the soldiers camp and were well treated by them.

My health is very poor and I was afraid I would have to give up my field. I mentioned it to my people and they were so worried about it and said if I left for good the church would break up, so I consented to stay. I am to have a vacation and desire to start at once. Please do me the favor of sending me half-fare passes over the R.R. so as I can go home for a while I will leave on the 16th God Willing, should you be able to send them to me by that time please do so, if not please write to me at Del Norte.

This has been a terrible winter, so hard that I have been put to my best peg to get through. I have sold nearly everything in the house, every stove, every carpet, every bed and bed-stead, but such is life and it is nothing when you are used to it.

Probably I will see you in Denver, I may go through that way.

Kind regards to family.

Yours in Christ,

Geo. H. Darley

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Carson City, Nev.

March, 9, 1880

Dear Brother:

Your postal just received. I answer by return mail. I am ready to leave here any day. Can't meet you at Evanston but will come direct to Denver.



I will be delayed on account of funds. They are in debt to me here. Can't you get me a pass?

I will not start till I hear from you again, say the last of this month.

Yours in Haste,  
Josiah McClain

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Lyons, Rico Co. Kansas  
March 10, 1880

Reverend and Dr. Brother:

Your letter is before me and in reply will say that I would like to take Central City providing Mrs. C. could bear the high altitude.

We will start for Col. Springs about April 1st When there a few weeks we will be able to know something more about the place. From there we perhaps might go to Denver and after remaining there a short time would be able to ascend the mountain and in the meanwhile I could supply the church at Central City remaining there part of the time. I am anxious to be at work as soon as her condition will allow me.

The frontier points of which you make mention, would not suit me so well on her account, from what I know of country. Had I my choice Central City is first and Idaho second.

I will have my letters forwarded should I leave here before our Presb'y meets Apr. 1, so as to connect with the Presbytery at Colorado.

Mrs. C. remains about the same.

Yours,  
J. S. Caruthers

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New York  
March 11, 1880

Dear Doctor:

Yours of the 4th inst was received on Monday but I delayed writing until I could go down to the mission house. I did not see Dr. Dickson to talk with him about Arizona, but it is out of the question for me to go to Tucson. I told Dr. Kendall what you had written, and he said they were willing to have me choose my own field when I go out again. You can depend on me to come back to Colorado and go to work where I am needed. Ouray would suit me very well but I don't like to promise to take a field until it is vacated. But as I said before you can depend on me. I should enjoy the meetings of the synod and the Presbytery very much I know, but I don't want to start for Ouray until Smith's removal is fully accomplished and as Dr. Kendall suggested it might be better to let any ill feeling that Smith's leaving may occasion, simmer down before I go in there.



Please let me know what you think about the matter as soon as you can conveniently. It would suit me best to leave home from the middle of May to the first of June, though of course I could start before in case of urgent need.

Has Beebe left Animas City yet?

Yours Truly,

Harry L. Janeway

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Del Norte, Colo.

March 12, 1881

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

I write to you in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the first Presbyterian church of Del Norte to find out how much your claims are on the parsonage at Del Norte and all the information we need about the same for we are trying to revive the church here and won't pay the indebtedness of the parsonage as soon as we can. We have found out by the church record that there was three hundred and ninety dollars due you on the twenty first day of April 1880 and that satisfied with notes of four in number, three of them call for one hundred dollars each and the fourth for ninety dollars, the three notes of one hundred dollars each are to be paid in three years beginning by paying one each year with interest on same and the fourth note of ninety dollars to be paid the fourth year with interest. The interest is one per cent per month. Please state if the above four notes are all the claims you have against the parsonage or not and if you know if there is any other claims on the parsonage, and also how much you have received from rent of the same. Mr. Watson the renter has moved out and the parsonage is rented to another man. Mr. Watson says he owes for one months rent and will pay as soon as he can.

I will close hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Your Brother in Christ,

Charles H. Green

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23 Centre st. New York

March 12, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

Those curios have not come from Princeton to my wife. What shall I do? Did you get my letter care of Dr. Wilson, Allegheny? I wrote when and directed as you requested.

I enclose a letter that came back from the Indian Office today.

Dr. Herrick Johnson recommends a good man in Aub. Senior class named Francis E. Stout who wants to go to Colorado. Jane way has been in, he will go too.

Cort, I thought he was elder Cort's son of Denver and a



brother of Gage's wife, but I don't believe he is. He has a brother in the University in Ill. he wants to go with his brother to Utah. I think we will put them at Fillmore and Frisco.

Montana Presbyterians recommend Condrick for Miles City and Todd near Washington for Glendale.

Gallagher has gone to Eureka, and Knowles probably will take his place but can't fill it!

You have not given me any descriptive list of your vacancies or the number of men you want. Frazer wants 18, Allen 15, Lyon 12 Little of Neb. 5 Little of Texas 8. you, Hill, Baird, and Sanderson have not yet reported. I am in hopes of getting some from Union, Princeton and Allegheny are pretty near hopeless. No comments have been made upon your letter about Allegheny and last year, from the next room.

Dr. D. is in Baltimore this week, Dr. Wilson from Allegheny was in to see us twice.

A most important item. We have the contracts filled out and returned for the Navajos Moqui schools. What shall we do next? I don't know any more than a child, I want you to tell me and I want you to write to Donaldson and Taylor at Monument and put the matter before them and before us for neither of us know how to begin. I hope this matter will have your earliest attention. Tell us what you are at and what your plans are, where are you going, and how did you find your family?

Dr. Lindale writes "steamer laid by for repairs and a trip may be lost". No particulars.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

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Jemes, New Mexico  
March 15, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Dear Doctor:

We are getting along well. School has been doing nicely. Since you were here we have had 12 members added on examination and one by letter, more will come in now we hope. These seem to be deeply in earnest and have not done this rarely.

Had a line from Dr. Kendall from which I have hopes that Montayo's pay will be continued but he said nothing about Mr. Perea. I hope you will do all you can to rectify this strange action. These commissions will run out on the last day of this month and even if the Board does continue them they may not send other commissions or let me know for two or three months. This leaves everything in uncertainty and is a peculiar way that the Board has, which of course they would say was just the thing, but which others would say is no way for men to do business for the good of the Master's work here. I wish you would find out if possible about this and let me



know soon so that these dear brethren can go about their Master's work as usual with cheerful hearts. They will have to seek other employment to support their families if something is not done and this will be a great loss to the work. Through a great blunder Bro. Gallegos has gone to the Methodists and so one of our brightest and most winning workers is lost to our church. I thank God that this dear brother has found good employment and a home in a christian church. Shall still others be lost to the work here when they are so much needed? It is unless for me to say more to the board and I don't hope to hear from them in time to save trouble and as the time is short I ask you again to do what you can and let me know very soon. I want to ask you to help us to get some Spanish hymn books. These Spanish brethren seem to be so fond of singing and I do not know how to get books. If you know how we can get some please speak a word for us. I informed the Board that the Presbytery is to meet here and asked them to let me know what time would suit them and if one of the secretaries could come to New Mexico at that time. But of course I do not expect a reply. I must set the time soon and if you will please let me know what date would suit you. The first days of September would suit us best. I shall wait a while hoping to hear from you. Everything about the work here is encouraging only it seems to be so much trouble to keep matters arranged to carry it on that I almost lose heart sometimes.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Your Ob't Servant and

Your Brother in Christ,

J. M. Shields

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Central City, Col.

March 15, 1880

Rev. SheMox Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

Yours of recent date to hand and contents noted. Rev. O. H. schaltz came up on Saturday and preached for us yesterday and will remain over this week and preach for us next Sabbath the 21st. Will be much pleased to have you with us sometime when the church is vacant. Mr. Schultz is a candidate for this church he is a pleasant speaker, but as he is a stranger we would like to learn something about him before making a permanent engagement. If you know anything about him will you please inform us, do you think it would be to our advantage to engage him? We must decide next Sabbath. Please let us hear from you this week, and oblige

Yours Truly,

J. C. McShane

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Del Norte, Col.  
March 15, 1880

My dear Brother:

Yours received, I glad the offer suits you. I do not know anything in the way of your selling your interest in the parsonage. The total cost of this property including every expense put on it is \$838. 60 of which I now hold \$389. 25 or rather will on May 7th 1880 the time of the close of my labors here, as I give the church an interest in it at the rate of \$100 per annum. I never consider trustees only the church in all of my relations to any organization. The Presbyteries of Del Norte have only given \$22 to this parsonage. The property is all in my name. I have the deed all receipts for payment, taxes, and etc. all in my name. I have given more than all Del Norte to it. It is understood that my offer was to them and is that I should raise the money for it, that I should complete the payments on it and that it should become the church's at the rate of \$100 per annum as long as I stayed but when I went away my successor could have the house etc. on the same conditions, namely of paying me \$100 per annum, and I letting the church have that amount still of interest in it annually, so of course if my income from it was less they would receive less. If my successor refuses to accept this proposition I will rent it to some one else, and still do so. I used to pay \$500 per annum rent on \$1500 of an income and even \$1200 of an income. He could live here now better on \$1000 a year than I could then on \$1500 but should have \$1200 of which I think the three churches would give at least \$800. My successor gets no interest in the property, the church only. He keeps up the taxes if any, which likely not; and I keep up the insurance to the amount of my claim against and you get interest at 1% your purchase till paid anytime the church feels able to buy our remaining interest paying principal and interest to date, they are welcome to do so.

I see by your letter that I owe you on first note \$276. on second \$113 equal together \$394. 50, you see my claim against the property is \$389.25 When I send the deed I'll sell it for \$389.25 and send the remainder due in you in cash, so squaring both, this makes me pay for churches who have failed me over \$250 of this amount, but I'll pay and get the accursed money out of mind. I wonder how many stingy men there are in heaven if they are as I suppose few, I do not expect to meet many of the San Juan Pres. there!

Yes! please get me half fares on all the roads you can I ought after my long years labors developing this country ahead of R.R. and for them in measure to have free passes. I intend to via A. T. St F. R.R. to Chicago. Get them to include myself and wife one or more children. Oldest 7 years and 3 months old all the rest under five.

I cannot go east before Gen'l Assembly too much to do antecedent to Presy. and too much in Presby. I want to spend two or three months after Presy. in the east and if the Presy.



will reiterate as I suppose she will my appointment to the Mexicans and recomend me Will. by God's grace ever helpful raise and interest in Mexican missions that my salary will be forthcoming, as well as several thousands for other purposes. I hope the Board is moved by no feeling in this matter of so often a refusal to commission me, that it is nothing but want of money. How is it? You ought to know.

Have you any special reasons for recommending a trip through Ill., Ohio, and West Penna. I had thought of West Penna, but not of the others. I am very anxious to be divinely led in this financial enterprise, as I have always been in similar ones. I want to accomplish two things outside of obtaining a needed change and rest from the wearisome routine of the past few years; to do the most good for missions, and to raise the most money in the shortest space of time.

I count on you to give the benefit of your large acquaintance with the eastern harvest field of missions. You know my method is personal application after sermon if possible. Sabbath, and Wednesday evenings would give me two or three churches a week, and a short street canvass. I have set \$5 an hour for 10 hours a day for 100 days as my campaign. I'll talk an hour for \$5 for nothing less. If a man will give a meal \$5 I'll dine with him if not, not. I get in such time a conscience of duty that keeps me alert, and if God wants me to go forth he will bless me. I will see him privately about it from now on.

If preachers go on vacation I'll make it lively while they are gone. It was characteristic of my trip for Storm Lake in '72 that the Board of church Erection got larger collections than for several years before after I took \$1000 from the churches in a 25 days trip.

Why did not Ortega's obituary get published? Does "stop that man" suit. If it could get in the April number of the R. M. P. it might be helpful. I'll send dead before I leave here having it duly recorded. Presy. meets very late for Gen'l Assembly, the 11th of May.

Yours Fraternally,  
A. M. Darley

Amador City, Cal.  
March 16, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

We are still in Cal. but were providentially detained just a few days before my commission arrived I was taken sick with fever and kept my bed for more than three weeks and after I had been sick a little more than a week, Mrs. Lyons took the fever also. She was quite sick and for a while we were afraid she would not recover. She is now able to go about the



house quite comfortably and can walk out a little. It was some-  
 what discouraging I must confess for both of us to be lying  
 helpless at the same time, but the Lord took good care of us.  
 He knew we were not ready to go to Sitka. We can truly say "In  
 mercy he hath afflicted us". I think if ever anyone needed a  
 season for reflection and self examination I did. I pray that  
 this affliction may have tempered us so that we may be true  
 and faithful instruments in the Master's hand for accomplish-  
 ing much in the interest of his kingdom.

While we were both sick I had a friend write to Dr. Ken-  
 dall stating our condition and telling him if it was desirable  
 I would give up my commission if someone could be found to go  
 sooner than we could. We had a very kind letter from him, tell-  
 ing us to give up all ideas no uneasiness but to wait on the  
 Lord and get well and when we felt strong enough they would  
 want us to go and for us not to go until May unless we felt  
 certain there was no danger of a relapse. We had thought possi-  
 bly we might get off in April and we still have some hopes  
 of doing so, but it may be that Mrs. Lyons will not be well  
 enough.

When I wrote you before asking if we could get passes  
 via Oregon S. S. Co. I did not think of asking the Board to  
 pay our expenses up and down the Columbia. I thought if the  
 passes would permit us to travel by that line and we found  
 that our financial condition would justify our going, we would  
 go up to Port, and see our friends and if not we would go  
 no further than Astoria. I will be disappointed at not gett-  
 ing to see Brother Milligan, however we must deny ourselves.  
 Our sickness has so reduced us that we must go at the least  
 possible expense and we will be under the necessity of relin-  
 quishing our wardrobe to a considerable extent before going.

I am very sorry to hear of the loss to Bro. Young and  
 the church of Fort Wrangell occasioned by the late disturban-  
 ces. The feelings I have when thinking of those who for filthy  
 lucre first introduced the disturbing element among the nat-  
 ives, I must confess are not such as Christ would commend,  
 Oh for more likeness to him!

Yours in Christian Bonds,  
 Geo. Lyons

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 Senate Chamber,

Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send me any pamphlet or circular you  
 may have published touching the condition of affairs in Alas-  
 ka. I am interested in having a system of education establish-  
 ed there.

Very Truly Yours,  
 A. E. Burnside.

U. S. S.



Phoenix, Arizona  
March 16, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Please find enclosed photo of our Tabernacle. As you are in the habit of giving view of points of interest in the West. Could you not managed to have this engraved and published. We have made a start here to secure a house in the way of a hall which is cheaper than anything else we could build. The artist here donated 100 of these views and I sent them to different churches east and have done well. I received a P. O. order for \$50 from one church where I sent twenty views and over \$50 more were promised and I am get to receive it this week. Also from a church in N. Y. City 13 were sold for 10 dollars, or in short we have now the \$400 which we were to furnish for the hall. The people here subscribed over \$300, \$200 of which have been paid in to the treasurer. Two members of our church started in to build a shop and at my suggestion agreed to build a two story house, using the first story as their shop the second story to be fitted up as a hall, but I remember now I have written you concerning this before. Well the lumber is now here and work will be commenced this week perhaps. The young men have undertaken almost to much as they will not only be out on there work which they offered to give, but out of pocket besides, while they will not back out yet when they have finished the building they would sell out their interest in it, and also the lot besides. Now their lot is a much more desirable one for a church building facing the on the north and I wish to secure it, as well as the whole building besides, for should I secure it, I would fit up one part on floor as a chapel and the other either as a schoolroom or business until we would be able to build being in a business center a revenue for the church could really be acquired in renting for business. I think this point would be a good center for an Academy under the auspices of our church. So seen the M. E. church and the Congregationalists the latter promising to erect a building here in the next two years preferring Phoenix to Prescott. Now I have made no promises or said anything about it to any body except to two members of the church who say they would like to see our church lead out also in this line. Should I be able to secure this lot and building I should open school next fall if spared and God willing, I intend to go east this summer and am working arrangements to have these views printed by the hundred with which I wish to secure the money to accomplish my object. I feel confident I can do so if I am permitted to present these facts to the people I may be able to visit. All I absolutely need would be \$800, I say absolutely for that will secure the right to the lots and building unfurnished. I do not know what arrangements you have made whereby you get your engravings nor do I know what it may cost to have this engraved. Should it be expensive I could very well meet it just now



contemplating this trip east and other expenses I expect to incur. You can guess that I would like however to use the medium of your paper and let the people know what we want to do, and give them a chance to help us by buying views. Dr. Warren Supt. of Home Missions for Congregational church admitted we were ahead of them here as to church organization, but seems to forestall us in the educational line. We are also equal if not ahead of the Methodists, and I would like to say more but we must advance. I have asked you before whether you knew Rev. Adams of the M. E. Church, he was 12 years in Colorado, is now Supt. of Missions here, reorganized a church of six members here about 3 weeks ago. I have not a very favorable impression of him, a man of considerable power but to my mind a lack of the bright and little in style. In short his conduct here seemed to indicate a want of christian courtesy at least, and some of the snapping of his fingers in ones face style and what are you going to do about an expression. If he keeps on I think he will find out where he will come to. I will enclose an engraving of his and what is said about it. Last fall he got a photo of our Tabernacle sent it east, had it engraved, published in their report of church extension, and recently it has been in the Prescott papers and last week in the Phoenix Herald and will no doubt appear in his Arizona Methodist printed here. We look upon this affair as a steal for he never asked consent or said anything about it, but used it for the same purpose for which I intend to use the which I had secured the negative. One of our members I understand has written up the affair and handed it into the Expositor which has already given the Rev. a hit about another affair. I understand the Editor intends to lead it "A church stolen" I suppose the game will be up and perhaps he will learn what we are doing about it, for Southern people have not such faith in north Methodist church. The members say it is their fight and I should have nothing to do with it. While it was built upon their lots (donated to them by the town) yet it was by the suggestion of the only trusted lay man and who became a member of our church that we built it there, there being no M. E. church organization nor much prospect of one. But the point is this with saying a word they call it their. He had even announced in his service that when the warm weather came they would occupy the Tabernacle but some of the members knowing they had no claim upon it saw how the people would look upon it told him how it stood, and Adams seeing my elder said he was mistaken and of course it was ours ie Presbyterian. I am sorry not so much for him if that is the sort of minister he is as for the cause he represents, for these contentions have a bad effect upon the community and there has been too much of it here. Yet I could not see how we could help not noticing it, for they did seem to think they had such a gun we were afraid of it, and that it was necessary to show the community that we dared to stand up for our rights, so much for this, there



may be misunderstanding some place.

I have now written more than I intended. I was vent-  
ured on Ark. for R. V. P. but have not seen if in print,  
whether it went to the wast basket again I don't know. If  
you publish this view you state why for this letter is your  
own words.

Yours Truly,  
Wm. Myer.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico  
March 16, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
My dear Friend:

Your letter of the 1st inst written at Washington  
was received. I have not yet heard from the other bidders.  
Bids for contract for the building were opened on the 14th  
only two of them and both so high that Mr. Brooks declines  
to pay for plans, the cheapest offer being \$11,500.

Am to start to Washington this week or first of next  
week and will find out what they are going to do about it.  
I have letters from you to Hon. John Eaton and Rev. Geo. O.  
Little. If you think it would help any please send me  
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..... influential persons at Washington, direct  
care of Indian Office.

Mrs. Thomas is at Kearsney City and will probably go to  
Washington with me and the other Apaches. Do you know how  
Far Catron & Co. have succeeded in determining as at the  
Department. Will go to the .....  
matter settled for or against me. Will be glad to have the  
advantage of anything you may know on the subject.

Very Truly,  
B. M. Thomas

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Salt Lake City, Utah  
March 17, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your postal and note duly received. Am very sorry  
you failed to reach Presbytery and so had your long ride in  
vain. But I hardly see how I am to blame for it. I had no in-  
timation from you that you expected to attend our meeting,  
indeed your letter to me from Washington, March 1st reaching  
here about five days before the Presbytery, contained no such  
intimation and you did not say but that you expected to re-  
main in the East for weeks to come. Beside the meeting was  
changed from Evanston to Springville just a few days before  
the meeting, and trying to hit you by telegram without having  
the remotest idea of your location would be a .....  
a despatch to the Irishman's flea.



But I'm all the same sorry you failed to be with us for we had a meeting that would have done your soul good, at **Leonard's** new chapel. We had nine of our lady teachers present and **seven ministers** with two ministers absent and one vacancy (Am. Fork) But the great feature was the interest taken in our Presbyterian and religious meetings by the people of Springville. On Friday evening after a sermon by Gillespie we organized and heard reports from **stations** Full house, good attendance even at our business meetings, intended to do some technical work Saturday evening, but the people clamored so for a religious meeting that we arranged an impromptu one, making for a topic "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of **Christ**" Four speakers, good attendance at **preaching** Sunday morning Four speakers **on** Sunday school lessons. Preaching and communion in the evening, house packed like a herring box, windowsills full, hanging on by the eyelids all round the room. The crowd about half **Mormons**. Saw old "po-lygs" present. Building seats about 200, McMellan counted 384 present and nearly as many went away, Mormon meeting pretty well deserted. Organized a church of 11, 7 of them **formerly** Mormons **Leonard** and his teachers have been doing splendid work there, New chapel put the cap stone on there work, since they got into it. Day school gone up for 40 to 60; Sunday school for 40 to 60. Interest gradually concentrating from Mormon to **Xtian** cause. People take pride in the building and school. Did not finish business until Monday noon. Endorsed McMellan's report on Southern Utah calling for 4 ministers and 8 teachers Applied for ordained ministers at Nephi. Cleveland church says finish up chapel and send bill. Applied for ministers to fill vacancy at American Fork, occasioned by Bird's going to Cal. Asked Board to endorse appointment of Rev. James F. Knowles recently of Boise City to fill Gallagher's place at Odgen. We've lost two fine men in Gallagher and Bird, both very fine preachers. Knowles is already at Odgen. So you see we want 6 good men for Utah immediately, 4 in Southern Utah, one in Nephi, one in American Fork. If you know of any sticks keep them away. No place here for anything but very live men, men that can preach without hobbling on the poor **crutch** of a manuscript. Am. Fork and Nephi very encouraging places right on the R.R. former 35, latter 91 miles south of this city. Both in rich valleys full of **fruit of every kind with the** best climate out of doors. Population about 2000 each. Whoever comes should make up his mind to stay five years. Southern Utah contains some of the biggest silver mines in the world. **The "Silver Mine"** one half of which sold for two and one half millions cash last year is at one of the **Stations** we propose to occupy Frisco.

St George the headquarters of the Mormon devil in Southern Utah is another point. Fine grape growing country all about there, in fact, the whole of Southern Utah is just such a country as Paul would like to have gone into, pulling down its **works** of darkness and errors and **on these ruins** building



up Christ's kingdom. Mild climate but Mormonism red hot. The missionary who goes down there and captures St. George for Christ will deserve more honor than Grant received for capturing Vicksburg. He will have a lively conflict for three years and then he will have the satisfaction of seeing its **Strongholds crumbling** and the people rising up to call him blessed for bringing them deliverance through the "Glorious Gospel of the Blessed God".

Parkes has all the money he needs at Logan lacking 500 dollars, but so far the priesthood have prevented the people from sealing him a lot, but I think it will come out alright.

We asked church erection to give Welsh at Haled City \$1300 for a chapel to put on his lot. We elected Gillespie commissioner to Gen. Assembly and myself alternate, since coming home. G. tells me he thinks he cannot go so it will fall on me.

Now tell me why you want me to go away round by Pueblo to get to Chicago. You say to attend Synod, well tell me what Synod is for? It is now two years since Synod met and we here in Utah are prepared to go 10 years more without a meeting. It accomplished not a thing at the last meeting. Of course if I go to Assembly I'll try to go via Pueblo if anything is to be gained by it except trying to **exercise** the fifth wheel of our ecclesiastical coach. If you and Gage have any arguments strong enough to pull a **civilized** white man from Utah clear from Cheyenne down to Pueblo among these "cussed Utes to attend a meeting of Synod just "trot him out". If I'm getting **heterodox** in considering Synod the second tail of a cat, I'm open to conviction and shall look to you and Gage to knock such **heterodoxy** out of me with your little ecclesiastical hatches.

Is your family still in Denver and do you intend to remain there. How are the churches doing there, is Bliss out of the woods? Let me hear from you soon.

Faithfully Yours,  
Robt. G. McNiece

23 Centre st. New York  
March 18, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson'

I have no idea where you are, whether you extend your trip in Utah to prepare the way for men or come back and wait till the men are ready. A. B. Cort and his brother will both be appointed next Tuesday I presume.

Stout of Auburn is ready to go to Colorado but you have no decent place to put him. You have none for Curay and Central City and nearly every one else is enough to frighten an Indian. I mean outside of New Mexico. Utah work. But you had better "post" him if you want him, if he will undertake any of that exceptional work all well and all well if he will



not.

You inquire about

1. Markle, Albany, don't want him they say
2. Middleton, N. Y. Seminary and McNulty are trying to get them both.
4. Brown H. Emerson no, has a blind wife, no use out west.
5. Jas. M. Boyd write to Auburn and inquire.
6. H. T. Ford I guess not
7. F. H. Baird no
8. S. N. D. Mar'ya of Kansas reports to McMillan for service in Utah he don't seem to bring forth anything.

Montana Presbytery repudiates you and send a copy of reasons why, which when I can get them copied I will send you and a long letter from Smith.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

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Carson City, Nev.  
March 19, 1880

My dear Sir:

I will be ready to leave here the first week in April if we are all spared. I wish to know the place you expect me to take. Shall we come direct to Denver? if so and we must make a halt there please give me the name of the hotel not highest price. Can I get reduction on freight from Ogden to Denver? Answer at once about the place, or do you expect me to decide that when I get there.

Yours in Haste,  
Josiah McClain.

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Lib'y of University  
Wooster, O.  
March 19, 1880

Rev. and Dr. Sir:

We have received from 178 Elm St. Cin. a bound copy Rocky Mt. P. 1875-79 for use in our library. Please accept of our thanks. We are very glad to have a record so interesting and valuable.

Respectfully and Fraternally Yours,  
T. R. Davis, Liber.

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Auburn Theol. Sem.  
March 20, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:



With your favor of the 9th inst came the bound copy of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, a truly valuable addition to the Seminary Library, one of our very best sources of information about our great Home Mission Field. But your work on Alaska has not made its appearance yet. I hope, however, soon to receive it for we cannot do without it.

As to Rev. James M. Boyd, diligent inquiry is now being made for him by his class mates in order to their having a meeting at our commencement in May next, the tenth anniversary of their graduation. I have only pleasant recollections of Mr. Boyd in the seminary; not eminent in scholarship but good and true. We have all lost sight of him. Do you know where he is, and what he is doing? Do you mean that he is now at Demorestville, Ontario? He came to the Seminary from Canada and was at one time in Ottawa.

I wrote quite fully to Dr. Kendall about McMulty. He has his faults, is particularly free to speak his mind, he stirred up a hornet's nest here, last winter by criticizing our city pastor for inviting the Universalist minister to join their Association and to conduct one of the Union meetings, during the week of prayer. Many of us thought he was right as to the point, but that it was a matter with which he had no call to meddle. He will learn wisdom and prudence with years and experience. He has energy, push, and earnestness and I would like to see him tried. I think him fitted to do a great good work.

Please accept my forgiving indignation, that you did not visit us when you lately visited the east. You might have moved our seniors to do more for that Willard Band, than I fear they will since you passed them by.

Yours Truly and Fraternaly,  
F. A. Huntington

P. S. The kind regards of all of us to you and yours.  
E. A. H.

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New York, N. Y.  
March 20, 1880

Dear Brother:

The bread trough and stone ax and mortar came to hand yesterday.

Boyd is having his girl copy that statement from Montana Presbytery which I shall then send you. I return you that Butte woman's letter and the Las Vegas letter as to the latter there is this to say.

1. We have the action of that meeting here in an appeal for further aid, Roberts endorses it, especially as Annin is the best Spanish speaking missionary in New Mexico. I feel the force of that and yesterday in conversation with Mrs. Graham this idea was suggested, namely to have Annin and his daughters run the school and do the Mexican work there and at Agua Negra and have a new man to labor with and among American people. Then it was suggested that if Roberts plan of



a training school should get well a going, Annin would be first rate there to run the school. Some such project would hold him in the Terr. and utelize his attainements. But his case will come before us Tuesday and perhaps I shall not send this letter till after that time.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

Missoula, Montana.  
March 23, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

Your postal of dec. 11th and letter of March 9th enclosing programme from Mr. Wordan, both came to hand. I am much obliged to you for your kindness in procuring and sending. I have had a fine treat in the Fortnightly Reviews you sent me sometime ago. It is one of the troubles here to procure sufficient variety of reading matter.

I suppose you have received the action of our Presbytery before this. I was on the committee and signed the report brought in by Rev. G. G. Smith at the last monent. It said some things that I objected to. They were prompted by Russell I think. I know very little of the church of Butte or of Russell's acceptance there.

I think Herming would do well at D. Lodge if he were more liberally supported. He has the respect and confidence of the people, is a hard worker and pious. He is a man that will grow very much.

I have a great deal of work to do and am enjoying it. I have the regular out stations and am only absent from town one sabbath in the month. Have two services every sabbath and have charge of the Bible class in the S. S. Have a prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

We are trying hard to build a church this summer, it will be a hard struggle, wish we would get someone to help on the outside. If you know of anyone wishing to give help let us know. We have had several additions by letter and two by profession have promised to come. The S. S. is **growing** in attendance and interest.

In signing the Resolutions of Pres. I did toward you as I would have you do to me I think as the people in Montana now feel it is better for you **and** us that you stay away for a while. That when you shall come again you make a much longer visit.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.

Yours Truly,  
Milton L. Cook

P. S. I think one man has done most of the generating and festering this feeling in the Terr. toward you



Morrisdale, Mines.  
Clearfield Co.  
March 24, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of March 18th at hand. I cannot definitely tell when I can leave for New Mexico. I can however leave as soon as my church and Presbytery lets me away. Presbytery meets in April when I trust the way will be clear for me to enter upon the work in that field without delay. You may select the field but my wife says she much prefers it on a railroad. Write me as soon as you have definitely fixed upon the place.

You seem to be satisfied from what the brethren at Huntington, Pa. told you without asking for testimonials. I have forwarded you the action of the congregation where I was pastor which I resigned from to accept a call to this field, not to influence you but to let the church speak. I do not know what my people will do at this place for I have not yet informed them of my desire to go as missionary.

I will not be able to preach in the Spanish language and will of necessity be compelled to seek English speaking people.

In regard to the work at the west I have all my life thought we have not given that attention to the field that it deserves. As I look at the work and see my own insufficiency and unfitness and the great work for the Master that can be done I need more of that consecration that was in the Master and his Apostle, to make the work a success, as I preach the Gospel I often say here and I send me to the most destitute places and this call seems to be the one that I have prayed for.

Trusting all to my Father to order and direct, I remain  
Your Brother in Christ,  
Thomas Thompson

P. S. What Presbytery will I unite with or will I retain my connection with the Huntington.

Fort Wrangell, Alaska.  
March 28, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

We have had no mail for two months and no chance to send letters. Mrs. McFarland has just returned from Portland. The Home is well on toward completion but is at a stand still just now for lack of lumber. The schooner which carried our rough lumber was wrecked while coming with a load and has been laid up all winter. There is difficulty about getting the dressed lumber necessary for finishing from Portland we hope soon to see our way out of the difficulties and delays.

I was disappointed at not getting your views and impress



son of Metlakahtla and Fort Simpson.

I am very sorry to hear of your daughters' sickness. I hope they have fully recovered.

Mrs. Young sends love to Mrs. J. Bay is bright and good. Please let me have from your pen your view of the immediate prospects of Alaska.

Kind regards to yourself and family.

Fraternally,

S. Hall Young

New York

February 25, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Care Mrs. Wm. Dorris,  
Huntington, Pa.

Wait for letter from Dr. Thomas what can you do.

H. Kendall

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

March 25, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

My Dear Sir:

I have inquired of the members of the House and Com. in regard to a bill giving \$50,000 to schools in Alaska.

They say no such bill is before their committee. It may be in the Senate. I will of course do anything I can in this direction to aid you in your worthy effort. I am

Very Truly,

H. G. Fisher

New York, N. Y.

March 25, 1880

My dear Brother:

Just after I sent my letter yesterday Mrs. Graham came in and suggested that perhaps Gallegos could be a good man to run the school at El Ranch rather than to have to send two women. But I suppose he would not be acceptable to Roberts since he and Annin silenced him for reasons we have never yet known anything about.

A Rev. R. T. McLahan of Calcutta talks of going out to Colorado and of writing to you. Boyd thinks he has six or seven children, if so you do not want him.

I have written Beebe to come and see his mother and then go back to Animas. His report shows success there and a happy state of things. Why should he leave? It is better for him to hold on unless there is something in the way that does not appear in his report. If you know of nothing discourage,



his leaving.

4. Janeway has just been in. He will be on hand in due time, but you can't count on putting him into Ouray till you know what Smith does. If he kicks up a row, you will do wisely to let matters settle a little before Janeway goes in.

5. We have a letter from Mrs. Haines today from Quincy, Ill. saying that a Mrs. Busick there, had been in Sante Fe this past winter. She says she has names, references. I send word back to Mrs. Haines that according to the last account (Dr. Thomas) the baby is not born, therefore Mrs. Perkins is still ahead of her defamers, but if you go down there you can ask Riggle's about it. As to N. Clain and Las Vegas, I have to say as I did about Janeway and Smith- no man can be put in till Annin is out or pacified and that may not be at once.

6. I give Miss Clancy's name to the Ex. Com.

7. Cowhick says he has no idea of going to Miles City.

8. I think I shall write to Kerr about Teitsworth. We don't know anything against Teitsworth. Is he to be sacrificed when the people up there want him? He will confront you with it at the general Assembly. What is the use?

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.  
Mar. 26th, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother;-

Your good long letter of March 4th came up on the boat with me, as I returned home day before yesterday. My visit and rest has done me much good. My health is much better but just now I feel worn out and tired from the trip. I found peace restored and the people well generally. Miss Dunbar got along nicely with the home, but I was much shocked on reaching home to find that poor little Hattie had died during my absence. Mr. Young has sent you an obituary for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, therefore I need not go into particulars. I was very sorry to hear of your little girl being sick. I hope they will be entirely well before this reaches you. By the way you have never sent me their pictures nor your own cabinet picture that you were going to send me. I received Dr. and Mrs. Kendall's by this mail. They are very good indeed. Could you not send me your's and Mrs. J's cabinets. I had some taken in Portland and will send you one soon. I am surprised at the amount of work you have been able to accomplish while you were east. I fully agree with Mrs. Graham when she says "Dr. Jackson is a wonderful man". My visit to Portland was much more pleasant than I feared it



right be. The Lindsley's sent me an urgent invitation to stop at their house. I accepted the invitation with the determination that if my visit was made unpleasant by all the troublous things being discussed and if they talked of you continually I should leave the house, but they did not do so. I only heard your name a few times while I was there, but we are feeling very much worried about the home building. Dr. Lindsley discouraged me about it's being finished this spring

Indeed he wrote to Mr. Young that the work would have to be stopped. He says there is no money to finish it. That he does not know of any and he does not believe any person does. Mr. Young says he will not stop the work until the Board orders him to do so, but he will have to stop it pretty soon if we don't get more material to work with. Mr Young has sent orders several times to Portland but nothing comes. Perhaps it will be all right eye and bye. The weather here is still very cold, quite a deep snow on the ground. This makes it so much harder for us for it takes so much more wood, and wood has been very high ever since the war in January. So few of the indians have seemed to care about working and very little wood has been brought in. I think we have been highly favored in the division of Alaska. I am afraid the poor Methodists will freeze out. I hardly think any of the missionaries have written against your articles but I cannot tell. I can only **suspect** what I have said before- Do not under any circumstances allow yourself to be drawn into a newspaper controversy. I am sure it could do no good in any way, but much harm. I cannot help but feel sorry for Dr. Lindsley. I know there is a division in his church. I don't think he will have to leave but I think that part of his members will go off and form a second church. General Babbitts wife did while I was in Portland. The family and also the Ainsworth's are going to move to Oakland. They are some of Dr. Lindsleys wealthiest people. I find the Corlies don't think of leaving here **and** I don't **think** there is the least danger of them advancing any of their peculiar ideas.

The steamer is in sight so I must cut my letter right off. I forgot to tell you I had the pleasure of having the Austin family as traveling companions from Victoria up. I liked them all very much. What a force there is going to Sitka. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons will be on next steamer. I am very anxious to see your books.

Much love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.

Sincerely,

A. P. McFarland.



Forwarded to Dr. Sheldon Jackson, by Dr. Scott,  
who had written the Hon. J. A. Garfield by request of Dr.  
Jackson.

House of Representatives.  
Washington, D. C. Mar. 26  
1880

Rev. D. R. Scott,  
Collamer, East Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir;-

Yours of the 24th inst is received and con-  
tents noted. I concur in your views and shall do what I can  
to press the other "twin", which was denounced a quarter of  
a century ago, in the first national platform of the Repub-  
lican party.

Very truly yours,  
J. A. Garfield.

New Brunswick, N. J.  
March 27th, 1880

I will start from here on the 27th of next month and  
expect to arrive in Pueblo on May 1st, via A. T. & S. F. R. R.  
Will be glad to see all at Presbytery.

Harry L. Janeway.

Fort. Wrangel,  
March 27th, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.  
Dear Sir;-

We are experiencing our usual press and excite-  
ment of finishing up the correspondence on account of com-  
plicated "Home" and church items. Mr. Young is unusually  
busy. He wishes me to add a note telling you how delighted  
the indians were with your gift of books. It was so unex-  
pected to them; they are continually coming to the house to  
send messages to you which would make a volume, should I  
attempt to transmit verbatim. But they all wish to thank you  
"Goonolcheese" here clash tantums (happy hearts) that you  
have not forgotten them. Also that you are there delate til-  
icum (true friend)

Mr Young wishes me to add he will write a full account  
concerning the message you received from Mr. Condit W. Fat-  
. He may have said it was strictly confidential further-  
more he said nothing but what he could say to you all and that  
that he has forbade his name being used in any newspaper



controversy should one take place.

Yours very faithfully,  
 Fannie L. Young.

Zuni, New Mex.  
 Mar. 7th, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear brother;-

I drop you these lines to ask you a question- Will you be in Washington soon and if so would you have time to see us to the reason of the delay of Mr. Douglas Graham's bond? He is here in Zuni awaiting the decision of the commissioner of Indian affairs. He has written and telegraphed yet no answer, one way or the other, nothing but perfect silence. Young Mr. James Bennett has bought Navajo Springs west of us. Mr. B. is the son of an elder in the Presbyterian Church. His father lives in Wisconsin, I do not know where.

The boxes sent us from the east have not reached us yet. Today a wagon left here which will be back in about fifteen days and will soon bring them to Zuni if they are in Albuquerque. It is reported that the old Padre is to be married. He passed through Zuni two days ago; captized a child.

We are all well but all the time hungry. What is to be done about the S. M. or chapel?

Your brother,  
 T. W. Foley.

Fort Defiance, A. T.  
 Mar. 28th, 1880

My dear brother,

Dr. Jackson-

We received your kind letter also the roll of papers for which please accept our kindest thanks. We have had a severe snow storm. Snow fell to the depth of about ten inches and lay on the ground about two weeks, which suspended all work on the new school house. The ground is now bare and we are having fine weather. Capt. Bennett is doing all he can on the building. The saw mill is being repaired. The repairs that ought to have been here last December were allowed to be kept in Albuquerque until two weeks ago. Capt. B. started out to find them which he did. I suppose the government sleeping agent in Albuquerque is to be blamed for this neglect.

Our school remains about as we started in numbers. We



have all the scholars we can expect to have, as there are no more in this vicinity. Two of our scholars live two miles away and two more one mile down the creek. In regard to the day scholars you cannot compare our school to the school at the Pima Agency, as we have gathered in all the boys and girls and work thus far is done, and the board has through us fulfilled their part of the contract with the government. Now it remains for the government to do its part, and in this matter (My wife and I) do not understand that we are the agents to see that the government does do its part in furnishing the outfit to Capt. Bennet.

Hoping to hear from you often with words of cheer

We remain your friend,

J. B. Perkins.

Fort Defiance, A. T.  
March, 29th, 1880

Dear Friend;-

We received your kind letter and we were all very glad to hear from you. We have had a great deal of snow lately and had weather. It has been very cold but it is getting warm again. Today was issue day with the Indians and there were a great many here. I like to watch them issue to the Indians. Matina, the blind boy comes to school. He is a very funny little fellow. He goes all around alone. We will take as good care of him as we can. There are two American boys here by the name of Williams. Their father and mother is in Albuquerque and their father is to return in a few days for them. They are pretty bad boys. They were left in the hands of another man but he is a swearing man and the boys look very much neglected and they swear a great deal and they play cards for money. The school is very interesting and we hope it will continue to be so. The Indians play cards a great deal on issue day. We take very nice walks every few days up the canyon and on the mesa and down to the little falls. We delight very much in taking such nice walks and sometimes we take our lunch along, when we stay away a good while. We have enjoyed the reading of the papers very much. Capt Bennet returned last Thursday. We are very busy and have not much time to write.

All send love. Hoping to hear from you soon,

I remain,

Your friend,

Willie A. Tharon.



Fort Defiance, A. T.  
Mar. 28th, 1880

Mrs. S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter received. Would have written reply last mail but was at loss to know what to say. We cannot be supposed to know what is in the contract. We have written you and the woman's Ma. Tom. in full as to our needs but we can not demand any thing of any one. The contracting parties must adjust the matters. We are hard at work and cannot afford time for a letter now except on business to you and the Board. From the beginning we have been giving a good many noonday meals. This is an interesting field, but the Navajos are an unsettled people and they seem much annoyed at times I trust you will help us with your prayers, remembering we are among hostile people. You will be greatly gratified at our efforts I know to establish a feeling of confidence and trust towards us all. Some little annoyance is felt at times owing to the trouble at Hoqui. The Indians are a suspicious people and whilst they are not so friendly at all times to the Hoquis yet they take up the cudgel sometimes in their behalf. It seems that the Hoquis and the Navajos both like Mr. Sullivan as agent and feel hard towards Mr. Taylor for trying to urge his removal. Mr. Taylor having said he would have him removed. Now this thing hurts us all with these people. They say "These church people make trouble. We like Mr. Sullivan. We like Capt. Bennet. We no like cañon people" But we are determined that with God's continuing favor they shall like us, for we will know nothing and will say nothing against their agents. That is not our business, but the school, the work for which you sent us shall be ably defended in all its details. Yes "Where there is a will there is a way" and we have the will and by God's favor and blessing we will make the way, but we cannot quarrel with Capt. Bennet. We must not. He is very kind and I think will do his duty towards the school. I make everything bend to the school interests having no other aim to accomplish. I think you will not be disappointed with our work.

Many thanks for the papers. The family unite in kind wishes for Mrs. Jackson. We have no church service and we miss it very much. We have fine weather now after a very severe storm. We hope to hear from you soon. We feel away from home at times but God is near and we are very happy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. P. Perkins.



Carlisle, Pa.  
March 29, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

My Dear Brother;

Yours of the 24th is received. I am very glad to hear we are to have Navajos, Pueblos, and Moquis. Sorry the allowance is so small but it can be enlarged. I should rather undertake 50 Navajos for their battle would be more promising. 15 is only about one eighth of one per cent rather dim glow will be, but not always "to the strong" is the battle given.

Mr. Brown is not yet detailed, and there is much objection by Gen. Sherman. If he is denied I shall go myself. In any event you will be notified in time.

I want children under 15 years and half grown girls. Mrs Pratt wishes to be kindly remembered. We have the Wch. B. N. I. Will send our **Eadle Keatahle** when out.

Cordially yours in the best of bonds,  
E. H. Pratt

P. S. Mrs. Pratt is a candidate for the missionary lecture field in the Columbia Valley with you at anytime.

Miles City, Montana.  
March 29, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I venture to address you briefly on the subject of establishing a church at this place, a mission church, for this is truly a heathen land, though a country of great promise in the immediate future. Miles City is a town of about 800 population, the country all along the Yellowstone Valley is filling up rapidly. There is not a minister, nearer than 335 miles, Bozeman. We have no church organization here, though we have Presbyterians enough to make a beginning, who came with us from Ill. last fall. We have organized a Sunday school and hold it in the school house. The Roman Catholics are going to build a church this spring and we are very anxious to have a Presbyterian minister come at once, for although the people here are Godless, we are told they would all give something to build a church, and support a pastor. Fort Keogh is on the opposite side of the Tongue river and is one of the largest Military posts in the country. I think we could get some help from there. They have no chaplain. This is a very important field and much might be written but I will not trespass upon your valuable time, and will leave the matter to your wisdom, praying that our Heavenly Father will make you the chosen instrument of sending the Gospel to this beautiful valley, now so cursed by intemperance, and all manner of iniquity.



Plans for the pastor,  
Mrs. J. W. Strevell

Table, Col.  
March 30, 1887

Dear Bro. Jackson;

The church at Posita has no S. School, no congregation, and only 8 or 9 members of the organization left. Judges Dale, and Blackburn and their wives and some other new comers would join the church as soon as they can get a minister. Judge Dale's old pastor from Ill. wants to spend the summer in Col. and he had written him to come to Posita and they would pay his expenses while there. But, he said, tell Jackson if he can send us a permanent pastor to do so at once.

I held a conference with Judges Blackburn, Dale, and Adams, and Fr. Rice. They said (a) We will be satisfied with an acceptable minister one half his time (b) We will agree to raise \$500 of his salary for the first year. (c) If the Board of Church Erection will give us \$400 we will build a \$1200 chapel this coming summer (d) We think Silver Cliff should have a minister his entire time (tho' they all said the bottom of the Cliff was liable to fall out)

Raspeckville has 300 people and no services, except when Teitsworth gives them an occasional service. Ula is two and a half miles from the Cliff and has only three members. It says he has 20 in the Ula P. C. I think from what he says that he is about done preaching at Ula. From what almost every one said Mr. Adams is an injury to our church at Posita. T. says he proposes to prefer charges against him before Presbytery. So much for Posita. In the P. C. I rode over to Silver Cliff. Bro. Teitsworth was much disappointed that you did not come. He made not the least objection to my ascertaining the wishes of the people at Silver Cliff in any way I chose. We agreed to ask the 2 elders, 3 trustees and some others persons that T. and his elder Mr. Allen suggested, 11 persons in all, to remain and have a talk with me alone after the separation.

There had been a Congregational meeting two weeks ago, at which they had unanimously joined in asking Bro. Teitsworth to give his entire time to Silver Cliff. (1) They said he was doing a better work, and was more acceptable to the people than any other minister in the Cliff. He had built the church by his own efforts in securing subscriptions east and west. He had good audiences, S. School, prayer meeting, and 19 members. The church building needs plaster, siding foundation and paint and they thought Bro. Teitsworth should remain and complete the work he had begun. There did not appear to be the least dissatisfaction and it is evident that T. is working like a charm.



They want a minister's entire services like every other church. The population of the Cliff is about 4000. The church and people at S. Cliff are poor and say they can promise only \$400 or possibly \$500 for this year on salary. The application to the Board is for the year ending Nov. 15th 1880. They ask the Board for \$600.

Taitworth is new, and the church is new at S. Cliff and things seemed to be running smoothly, and naturally enough he says he will not leave so long as the church there wants him.

Yours Truly,  
W. B. Gage

Dear Brother;

The facts I have given you on the other page, which you will probably want to show to the H. M. Com. The following you can give them or not just as you see best.

At present there are only two paying mines in Silver Cliff with the Kasack Mine 6 miles away. The permanency of its population is extremely doubtful. If new air series of ore are not made the population is going to decrease. At present it is growing largely on "Boon". Its population is now about 4000. Posita has fissure veins, and a degree of permanency equal to any of our mining towns, with a population of about 1000 in town people. The towns are seven miles apart with a good road connecting them. If we send 2 ministers it just cost \$1200 from the Home Board to sustain them. If the two fields are united it should be nearly or quite self-supporting this year. One minister supplying both churches could be no more work than the rest of us have done or are doing on other fields both churches think they ought to have a minister's entire time. There are at present only 30 members in the three churches. Ula is now really only a country school house appointment two and a half miles out of town with three members and a Union S. School. There are a good many Presbyterian in the county, but it is doubtful if Mr. T. can gather half of them. Taitworth says if he is not commissioned he will go to the next Gen'l Assembly and make known his grievances to that body in open Assembly!!! I am satisfied that if he would go quietly away another man can take the work and carry it on better. And I am equally satisfied he cannot sustain himself another year at the Cliff. He talks outrageously, both in public and in private to his members about everyone who opposes him. He does an immense amount of calling and preaching, but he reports one conversion in two years, and three conversions in three years with the whole of Custer Co. before him. The church at S. Cliff have know him but a short time and the church is one he has gathered and organized. The house he has built, and solicited money east, and at the Cliff for it. They therefore feel under obligations to retain him till the



close of his present year, Nov. 15, 1880. He says he has audiences of 200 to 300 every Sunday night. His house is poorly arranged and will not seat 200 and I counted less than 125 last Sunday night. He said that it was a smaller audience than usual. He is going to build a parsonage. I do not think the church are especially attached to him, but they "see no reason," as one of the elders said, "to turn him off". And he has worked hard, with but little pay for the church. I said not one word to the church to discourage them in standing by their pastor. Teitsworth will not leave unless Presbytery positively says he must. If he would go away without trouble when his present year is out, it might be well enough to ask for a commission for him. But when the year is out I would not trust him to go unless his church turned him off in a trouble.

Yours as ever,

H. B. Gage.

Jemes, New Mexico,  
March 31, 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 27th of March came this evening. I did sign one commission for you, but I suppose you have lost it. I don't think the Board should expect long reports from the Mexican Brothers, but if that is all that is wrong it might be possible to suit them. Please tell them that if their reports are too short, if one of the Board will come to our next meeting of the Presbytery we will get a Mexican Brother to preach a sermon and I venture to say it will be long enough to suit. If the Board want to work among the Mexicans this field is certainly promising and they cannot help knowing that I am tied up so that I cannot go over this vast field to work among the Mexicans. I can do much but must do most of it in Jemes. I can preach herenow all I want and can work among the Mexicans as they come in but cannot be away from here much. This country is really open now to the preaching of the Gospel. The great storm that the priest raised has passed away and has been a blessing to our cause. It did him harm and us good. Now Dr., the commissions are out with this day and I wish you would find out as soon as possible and let me know what is to be done. If the Board has any confidence in me and will allow me to manage these brethren I will see that they work and will see that the Board hears about what they are doing. All well and very busy. Getting along well.

Mrs. S. joins in sending much love.

Truly yours,

J. M. Shields.



Morrisdale, Mines  
Clearfield Co. Pa.  
March 31, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D. -

Dear Brother:

I have not received a reply to my letter, but thought best to write you. I think I will be ready to leave the first of May.

Our Presbytery meets April 14th and will need a week or two after the meeting of the Presbytery to sell my household goods and get ready for the trip. I am looking forward to the work with considerable interest. My two children Edgar and Annie are now taking of their new home. I want to train them up missionaries and I suppose example here will speak as well, as any other way. I think the Lord has ordered the field for my wife is not strong (inclined to consumption) My little boy not very strong for one of his age. I learn that the climate is such that we may look forward with a good deal of encouragement. I served in the war as Apt. Surgeon and must say never enjoyed myself better, speaking as regards climate.

When I think of Jesus as a Missionary and of St. Paul and then look at how I live as regard the great commission I must say when I look for word to the day of Judgement to have to admit I never was found at the front proclaiming the Gospel will look bad indeed. I preached the first sermon here that was ever preached by a Presbyterian minister and have stayed here and now we have a church building and some very good people. Only one other church I have ever organized. These people are all opposed to my leaving, but I think upon a little reflection upon their post (and I will try and preach a missionary sermon next sabbath) when I think they will be glad to know of the destitute places are to be supplied with the Gospel, and will say, Go forward.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Thomas Thompson

Washington, D. C.  
April 1, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 29th ult is just received. There must be some misapprehension about the Alaska Bill. I shall call it up in about ten days if I possibly can and press it to a vote. Should have done so before, but there were other matters ahead of it, and I may not succeed in ten days but my purpose is to pass it this session if I can.

I know nothing of any contemplated visit by a com. to Alaska. The matter was jocularly spoken of one morning in the com. room, but never seriously thought of that I am aware



I should like very much to go and to have you of the party, but scarcely think such a visit practicable.

Very Truly Yours,  
M. C. Butler

464 West Adams st.  
Chicago, Ill  
April 1, 1880

Rev. H. Kendall, D.D.

Dear Brother:

Pittsburgh, Cincinnati or the Devil is stirring up Gray again against Jackson. I think the suggestion of the Evangelist of last week that Jackson be chosen Mod. of the next Assembly was the red flag, perhaps that has helped to stir his ire. I shall hold Gray to his pledge to me to keep the Interior quiet on Jackson until, at least, after the next Assembly. But be sure that he will join forces with any and all others for the defeat of Jackson, should he be nominated in our next Assembly for Moderator. Pittsburgh will help him in this matter. If in view of all the circumstances, Home Missions is to be honored by this office in the next Assembly by all means let the man be some other man than Jackson. Do not understand me as having anything personal in this matter I have no objections to win, many others have who will go to the Assembly, I do not expect to go, but from what I see and hear Jackson is the man.

Gray says to me; referring to the Evangelist of last week, "that's Kendall's doings, putting Jackson before the church now as candidate for Mod." I said, "nonsense, I knew nothing of it until he read it in the Evangelist." I write you this note to keep you advised of what is going on here. Of course I do not think you will elect the officers of the next Assembly or even cast a vote for them. But you are a man of affairs and can use all the knowledge of affairs that comes to hand. Use what I have written if you can and care to for the keeping of peace in our church and in the interest of Home Missions.

Fraternally Yours,  
Edwin H. Davis

Cincinnati, Ohio

Dr. Jackson:

Between you and me I honestly think Gray ought to have his head punched, pulled, or filled, for what he says about you. If you will commission me, I will try and "do it up brown".

D. G. Nonfort



One of the choicest going men in the "Union" offers to go anywhere I say. I want a place where ability, piety, and good sense will have full play. How does Montana, Boise, T. M. Boyd's field in Wash. Ter. or Utah, or Col. or New Mexico compare in importance for such qualities? Where can such a man do the best work?

Yours received this morning. I think Beebe will "stick" Middleton is likely to go to Neb. or Dak.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Denver, Col.

Alamosa, Colo.

April 1, 1880

My dear Brother:

I've gotten three prizes! A **penitente** whip with blood of last year's whipping on it. A ritual or Rules. A hymn book!

Board has kindly sent on my commission for the two months till Presbytery, at \$100 as asked. When it meets I believe in the Lord I will be commissioned as for appointment of last fall.

Received 10 heads of family into Cedicevo church last Sabbath. **rededicate** church here next Sabbath. Had to leave Mrs. Darley six hours after birth of baby, March 28th don't expect to get home till April 12th, 1880.

Yours,  
A. M. Darley

Washington, D. C.

April 2, 1880

My dear Dr.

I am in receipt this day of a copy of your work on Alaska sent by mail, with your compliments. Please except my most hearty thanks for this volume, I shall read it with a great deal of interest, and shall be glad to reciprocate your kindness whenever practical.

With sincere regards and best wishes, I remain  
Faithfully Yours,  
John G. Ames

Washington, D. C.

April 3, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Denver, Col.

My Dear Sir:



I am in receipt of a copy of your new work on "Alaska" and the missions of the North Pacific Coast for which I beg you to accept my hearty thanks. The general appearance of the book aside from its intrinsic value, is very attractive.

I have just received a letter from the Rev. Edward P. Goodwin, pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Chicago, Illinois, asking for information as to the educational and religious condition of our new states and the territories. And in my reply I have suggested to him the propriety of communicating with you on the subject. If he should do so, you will have the opportunity of doing of great service to him.

Very Truly Yours,

John Eaton

Commissioner

Salem, Oregon

April 2, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

Your letter to me dated March 8th came to me nearly two weeks ago, but owing to the fact that we were in the midst of a three weeks revival effort in co-operation with the other churches of the city. It was necessary to let it "lie on the table" until this evening. The results of the Union meetings are about 150 conversions and a revival of the members in the churches. As six churches were engaged, and as numbers of converts will probably not unite with any church, we do not expect to receive more than 30 or 25, mostly adults.

Now as to the Alaska Mission.

(1) You are surprised to find me a member of the special committee but in a Presbytery as small as the Presbytery of Oregon you must expect almost all the members of Presbytery on every committee. It so happened that when the committee was appointed there were very few to select from, and, while my preference was not to be a member I had to serve.

(2) The report of that committee was made conscientiously, from the evidence and statements of Dr. Lindsley at the time. If the historical statements of Dr. L. were not correct we, having no other evidence, were unable to detect the flaws, and could make no other report save the one we did at the time. If the resolutions were "partisan" they were not so intended further than the assertion of what was believed to be truth can be termed "partisan." If any member of Presbytery desired to "soury favor with Dr. L." and was led to deal unjustly in this matter from such feeling, I think him only worthy of contempt. For my own part, I neither ask nor expect more than the courtesies due to a brother minister, from Dr. L. and I certainly care little to further the ambitions of any



man when that ambition is to be gratified at the cost of others more deserving.

(3) I believe that your statements as to raising money to carry on the Alaska work are true, for I have carefully read all the notices of money contributed, and found them due to your appeals. So too, I think you brought Alaska prominently before the church at large, and as far as the Alaska mission depended on its presentation to the church at large, it is certainly indebted to your efforts. For my own part I am free to confess that I think Alaska has been made to occupy too prominent a place and as a result, the honor of the beginning of the work there, is claimed by a third party the M. E. church (vide Northern Christian Advocate, Syracuse, N.Y. for Feb. 5th 1880) However this may be, the general public was introduced to Alaska by your notices written after your trip when you accompanied Mr. McFarland to her present field.

(4) Your letter came after the regular spring meeting of Presbytery. The matter was only incidentally mentioned, but as the Narrative for Gen. Assembly was in an unfinished form, the Co were instructed to confer with Dr. L. and mention the Alaska work in the narrative, so as to bring it before the General Assembly in May. The Com. was composed of Revs. I. H. Condit Geo. Rossand. As you will probably be at the Assembly you will have a fair opportunity to bring the matter to a point where the merits of the case will be made manifest. Dr. L. has been appointed Commissioner from this Presbytery and the issue can be joined face to face, and I pray that right and justice may triumph.

(5) As far as I am able to use any influence, I shall use it to further the cause of truth and right. I shall do all I can to prevent any action which may be either unwise or unwarranted, and I shall never knowingly be a tool to advance the selfish ambition of any man. The vote of catspaw does not suit me, and Dr. Kendall was right when he told you I could not be used to pull chestnuts out of the fire. I am sorry that there was a misunderstanding and I hope all will yet turn out for the best. I notice by the papers that you have published a book on Alaska. I wish you abundant success in the enterprise.

As your letter was a private one I so regard this in reply, I remain

Your Brother in Christ,  
Robt. W. HILL

Phoenix, Arizona  
April 2, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Received your letter yesterday. Please state to the readers of the R. M. P. that any who desire photos of the



Tabernacle to address me at Phenix, but that there may be delay as their letters will likely have to be forwarded to me at other points. My aim is to meet the General Assembly May next. From the 100 I sent away I have received \$188 or for 64 having 36 still to hear from. After receiving your letter I had a call from the Rev. Adams who had arrived the day before from a trip south. His illustration had been answered by a friend of mine stating the facts, but the editor headed the article "Jim Fish undone", "A church stolen. He came to see me about starting churches. Having felt that his conduct towards us as a church was of the snapping of the finger in the face style and what you told me about him which I had just read, and seeing that his looks were ominous, I determined to meet him on his own ground. The result was that he tried to show no irritability but gave himself away hoping that I would sell all the photos possible which I told him I was doing and gave me the parting word that when I got older I would learn not to injure a cause with a trivial affair to wit a brush heap which thought came with ill grace from a man who believed in the purity of all ministers, and not under his charge. I think he was beat and disappointed and found that we were not afraid of him.

Truly Yours,  
Wm.

New York, N. Y.  
April, 2nd, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson;

The two Courts start for Utah the 4th of May. I do not see how you can attend to them and locate them, and get back to the assembly. If you cant, you must turn them over to McMillan.

I enclose a letter from Dr. Herrick Johnson of Auburn about one of the Seniors. Dr. Dickson is averse to his appointment, but I have written to Johnson to get a more full diagnosis of the case from a good physician. Now look over your list of places and see where you would place such a man if you need him. I mean what climatic position would you think most favorable for him, and let us know, and if you see fit write to Johnson or the man himself. You have now had two Auburn boys for Col. Stout and McMultz. I tell McMultz I am not sure but he is just the man to go into a mining town. You can guess when you come to see him. I think from your late account that Idaho Springs and Laramie may become one of our best points.

The more I think of Thomas Thompson, M. D. though a little old and not a good preacher, the more I think he may be useful somewhere as a physician, teacher, or preacher in New Mexico.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall.



Albion, Oio.  
April 2, 1880

Dear Sir:

As a Contributor to removal and improvement of the church, you are specially invited to be present to see the handsome results of your liberality. Dedication at 11 a. m. Sermon: "A Preacher's Five Years in the San Juan." 3 p. m., Bible School, 8 p. m., Sermon: "Apples of Gold in Pictures of Silver." Mrs. Wm. D. Hoyt and other able musical talents will conduct the Services of Song.

Gratefully Yours,  
Alex. M. Darley  
Pastor

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Victoria, British Columbia.  
April 3, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

We are this far on our way to Sitka. Received your letter in San Francisco just a short time before we left there. The P. M. S. S. Co. gave us a pass at just half the usual rate on the presentation of your card and Mr. Cornwall has also favored us with a pass at half fare from here to Sitka on the Steamer California. Our voyage from San F. here was a fair one, so we were told. We were out just three days. This was our first trip at sea and for about half the time I was very sick and for the greater part of the other half, although not suffering much I felt like staying in my room. Mrs. Lyons endured the trip much better than I had expected, she was not sick to amount to anything, being able to go to her meals most of the time. I felt a little anxious on account of our starting so soon after our having had the fever, but it seemed so far as we could understand that such were the indications of Providence. We were keeping house in **Amador** on borrowed capital, that is almost all the furniture we were using belonged to a family that had quit housekeeping last fall and had given us the use of the furniture until they would need it and they wanted it again as soon as we were able to go about after our sickness. The hand that sent upon us the discipline of sickness knew when to tear up the nest and let us fly. So we thought and so we started. Hope we have not been mistaken in observing the indications.

Mr. Kendall wrote to us not to go until we felt fully able for the trip, but after we felt at all able to go we thought a month longer would be a long time to wait. We have not our full strength yet, but so far the trip has been no drawback. We think the California is expected Wednesday. I know of no way now to go up as far as St. Wrangell except on the California. The English ship has sailed for that place.

We are stopping at the American hotel, the Douglas House



not being in operation as we were informed when making inquiry according to your directions.

If we are spared to reach Sitka may we not expect to have the pleasure of hearing from you? Do not hesitate the least to give advice. We need it and will be glad to get it.

Yours in Christian Bonds,  
W. W. Lyons

Pres. Theol. Sem. Chicago, Ill.  
April 3, 1880

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear and Rev. Sir:

Your kind letter came to hand in due time. They were welcome and helpful. I have to beg pardon for such long delay in answering. I must plead as excuse press of work in leaving my field and since coming here, sickness. Am now just recovering from an attack of pleurisy. The paper sent you may make you think that I am quite an invalid. I have been having chills and fever more or less for two years. Have never lost but one church service in all that time from sickness, although I suffered very much. There is considerable capacity for hard work in me yet, and I hope that the Mt. air will cure me entirely.

My brother also has been very busy which accounts for his not writing. We have received our commissions. We hope to start for Utah May 3th or 4th. We want to recruit and visit our friends a month before starting. Dr. K. suggested Filmore City and Frisco as our places of work although he said he would leave it to your judgement and the judgement of the brethren in Utah to decide it. I believe with my brother that St. George will ultimately be the best objective point.

Would be glad to have you go with us to the field, and if you cannot we want you to give us all the suggestions etc that you can think of. We want to spend a time in visiting and consulting as many missionaries as possible in Utah. We want to study the work for a while on the field before engaging actively in it. Would it not be a good plan for us to buy horses at or near Salt Lake City and ride down to our fields and thus study the people and their need on the way? A plan of my own is that. My brother and I have worked into one anothers hands all our lives. We can work together admirably. Would it not be a good arrangement for us to work two and two in the same tour for a month or two at least. I believe that this is the apostolic method of working. I am a successful solo singer. I used my singing to great advantage in my work in the states, it seems to me I can use it to a greater advantage there. Would it be feasible and advantageous for us to sing and preach on the St. corners etc? This method I believe would be good in mining towns. Would it be in purely Mormon? What do you think of this plan? Would it work?



We go to Rochelle Ogle Co. Hills next week where we expect to remain until starting West. Please write to us there. The work that we are going into looks formidable. I tremble at times when I think of it. If it was our own work I would not dare to enter into it. God is willing to help. Upon him we rely. To him we look for strength and wisdom to carry it on. He will give us victory in his own good time.

Yours Fraternally,  
Wm. C. Cort

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
April 3, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

No minister as yet, so far as I can learn, at Albuquerque. It is probably a little too early to organize there, as it is not yet certain where the "big town" will be. The Methodist man whose coming has been long expected here, has at last arrived. The man sent is Rev. H. E. Hall formerly a missionary. He proposes to organize as soon as possible, though the Methodist people generally discourage the matter. We had just begun to get things in good shape and his coming will be a severe blow to us. I have tried to dissuade him organizing just now, until the future prospects of the place warrant another organization, but seems determined to go ahead. There are really more Methodists here than Presbyterian, but the leading persons among them prefer to continue with us for the present. They will however go into organization, if it is forced, as it now seems it will be. I am sorry but can do nothing more to prevent it.

Yours Fraternally,  
G. W. Riggle

Mt. Pleasant, Utah  
April 3, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 31st ult came Saturday night. Very glad to hear that Cort Bros. are coming. I shall do all in my power to give them a good "send off".

We have had a glorious winter about fifty converts in all. Yesterday was a good day. I rode 30 miles horseback through rain and mud, preached three sermons, celebrated the Lord's Supper and received two members at Tphrain.

Our warmest love for you all.

Yours,  
D. J. McMillan



Salt Lake City, Utah  
April 5, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Can you get a half fare permit for me from Pueblo to Chicago via St. Louis. If you can I'll try to be at Synod. If not, I don't see how I can stand the extra expense. You told me that synod meets May 10th, and I think you must be mistaken. Let me hear from you about half fare and about date

The Board has commissioned the Cort Brothers, and left it to us to locate them.

I've forgotten whether I wrote you or not, but I had it in mind to write and urge you not to go away down to Dansville Ky. for men. They may have devoted men there, but we want that persistency and endurance here in Utah which are more likely to be found among men in the rugged climate of the north, although the southern men have grand qualities in other directions.

My impression is that synod meets on Thursday May 6th. If I leave here Monday evening, I reach Cheyenne Tuesday afternoon. When can I reach Pueblo?

Parks has his lot at last and now his building will just boom for he has all the money except three or four hundred. Probably Logan will not be seen during the next two months on account of the Presbyterian dust! I say, let her dust!

Yours Heartily,  
R. G. McNiece

Pittsburgh, Pa.  
April 7, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

I take pleasure in handing you a draft for \$85, being a donation which the Lawrenceville, Presbyterian (church) Sabbath School voted to "Home Missions" last Sabbath

Please apply this wherever in your judgement it will do the most good, and advise me that I may keep the school posted

I have been greatly interested in you and your work. I have done what I could for you in the S. School, but this is probably the last contribution I will have any agency in, as I will soon be out of the Superintendents office. Whoever my successor will be, may possibly take a deeper interest than I.

Truly Yours,  
Robt. Davis

40 th st. 17th Ward



Greenville, Ohio  
April 8, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

Your offer of fields was received.

Yesterday we canvassed the question during the day by the best light we have and we have concluded to try the work at Fair-play. Will you procure our commission at \$1200 and the half fare rate you first mentioned to be obtained through the Board from Chicago to Omaha? If it is possible to travel as cheaply by the A. T. & S. P. route I should like to go that way as I have two brothers in Hodgemen Co. Kansas. I should be much pleased to meet the synod. Does it meet on the 6th as according to the advertisement in the Herald and Presbyter, or on the 11th as in your postscript? If we find difficulty in closing up matters here before that date could you allow me till June first to get into the field? I shall desire to pay my mother a visit and attend to some business for her, and if you can give me two or three weeks beyond the time of synod, and not embarrass the appointment it would be a great favor.

We should like to hear from you something about the matter of what things to move. As to stoves, will we use coal or wood? What can a cook stove be purchased for at Denver? I have nearly 1000 volumes in my library, how much of this should I think of taking? Can I use any of them to furnish reading to those among whom I am to be cast; or had I better leave them here? Will we be able to get a house, and at what rent? Is there such a thing as procuring domestic help? Give me some idea of the cost of provisions. What are the rates of board? I find I will have to husband the scanty means I have as the surplus of living here, in order to get into the field and begin housekeeping. Will the payments by the board be prompt? This is quite a catechism, but if you have time to answer, it will aid me very materially in this movement. My wife is much pleased at the prospect of going to Colorado, and this leads me to hope for benefit in her case. We both have yet to say, that if upon our arrival you think best to have us go to Las Vegas we are ready also for the work there. As far as the spirit of the service is concerned. The choice is but slightly balanced in favor of the Colorado field.

With kindest regards.

Yours in our Master's Service,  
J. C. Eastman

P. S. Address me next at Franklin, Warren Co. Ohio

Auburn Theol. Sem.  
April 9, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:



"Alaska" came from Dodd, Mead & Co. with your compliments. It is truly a valuable work for the Seminary Library. Our students write the home field in view, will find in this work, just the information they need in regard to one large section of this field, or rather, shall I say, of the Foreign field. I have never seen a work of this kind more succinct as to the point, or better illustrated.

But to turn to another subject. I am glad you have given Schultz a commission. Let him have a fair trial. Men of more promise fail, men of less promise succeed. I trust he will make a decided success and do honor alike to the Seminary and to the ministry.

With earnest prayers for your continued and ever increasing usefulness in the cause which you have achieved so much, I am

Yours Truly and Fraternally,  
E. A. Huntington

Carlisle, Pa.  
April 9, 1880

Dear Doctor:

Yours of the 5th. I am glad to get. I send to you and to Brother Donaldson sets of our smaller children recently photographed. Lieut. Brown is denied and has gone to his regiment. I have informed the Dept. of my being able to arrange things here and make the trip in person. I hope I may come and go with you. I have a letter from Rev. Donaldson. I gave the Secretary an appeal to increase his homeopathic dose of the Navajos to 50, fifteen is laughable. 12000 Indians go at them with such mites as 15 for school squads. It ought to be the 500. I note what you say about Agent Thomas's team. Can't we hire the chr. carried to the F. R. by private or Indian transportation?

I think the picture of Miss Hyde and her little girls ought to give us all the girls we want!

Dr. Pratt's remembrances.

Faithfully Yours,  
E. H. Pratt

Carrales, New Mexico  
April 9, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

The owner of this house we are occupying has just rented to us at the rate of \$6 a month or \$72 a year. He would not agree to let us have it the year at that rate. So that if he has any higher offers he intends to make us pay as much or rent it to the others.



The railroad is finished to Albuquerque. People are coming rapidly from the east. Rents are coming up. I was told that one had offered \$30 a month for this house to put up a store. In the work we are engaged it will not do for us to begin to move from one place to another. It will keep our mind engaged and our time occupied in other than the good work and we have thought it would be best for us to endeavour to secure a home. The hundred dollars which we will spend annually in rent and repairs would I think gradually build a house, but I could not do it alone. If you can interest some of the good friends of the cause in this field to provide for us two windows and three doors, I could build two small rooms and roof them for fifty dollars within three months. The cheapest kind would be as we have thought we could leave them for the kitchen and dining room as soon as we could build others. The lot I think we can buy for little or nothing. The men who had offered a lot for building are not so friendly now; though others have become friendly who were not friendly then. I have not had much of a religious service here during the winter. The people drink so much wine in that season that they often promised to come but did not. When I went in the afternoon to see them, I found them drunk or gambling. At other places, Placitas, Canada, and Cile men and women seem to be taking interest in religion. At the Hot Springs we have had a revival. Eleven members were received by baptism the last two months, and some children baptised. Four more our thinking of joining. Our school is small now, eleven are coming. Some others have spoken to us to send theirs. Our mail comes to us very irregularly. We have had letters written four or five days ago and have not sent them yet, cannot find reliable persons.

Brother will you try to do something for me, or what do you advise? Some men have told us, we do not dare to come out and show our sympathy with you, because you are not living among us as one who intends to remain. If you should leave after showing your sympathy, we will have to leave too. They say they want to see me build a good schoolroom with a bell, and school books would be a great impetus. I have not the least doubt as to success.

Yours,  
Jose Yuess Perea

Washington, D. C.  
April 10, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 24th ult. I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your work on the "Native People of Southeastern Alaska." and a copy of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian.



As Lieut. Brown's detail could not be secured Lieut. Pratt will probably go West himself for the purpose of selecting the children. I have notified him of your willingness to render assistance.

Yours Respectfully,  
 H. E. Trowbridge  
 Commissioner

Fort Wrangell, Alaska  
 April 10, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

We expect the steamer in a few days, so I have not to writing before I forgot it. I want to tell you I got no B. L. Presbyterian for January or March (I have just received March) Can you send me those numbers? I received my Feb. on the last mail. I am very anxious to hear from you, to know how you found the children when you got home, better I hope.

Dr. I will send with this an appeal for help to buy a canoe for the Nome. If you see proper to publish it do so, if not it does not make any difference. We certainly need one very much indeed. You know how I am situated about having any way for the girls to get out and this would be the very best thing for them, and the thing they would enjoy above anything else.

Dr. Young now expects to go to the Niada Country as soon as the steamer comes and goes back again. We all feel that it is very important for him to go before the Roman Catholics swallow up that people as they are threatening to do. Do you think the Board will send any person to the Chilcat country this summer. It will be a pity if they do not. The people are begging for the gospel. There is a prospect that some of our boys will be sent to Forrest Grove, near Portland to the government school that has been established for the Indians. I think Captain Wilkins son will be up next steamer. He told me he would take 25 children from Alaska if they could be gathered up. I think it is a grand chance for our larger boys. The Indians were all delighted with their books. How proud poor old Top-a-att would have been of his. Next Sabbath will be our communion again and Minnie and Katie expect to confess Christ before the world. Do you wonder my hearts overflows with thankfulness? Truly God is blessing us. Everything is quiet now, but we have continual rumors that the Hoochenoos are coming back. It may be so but I do not believe they will. I sincerely hope they will not.

The steamer came in 13th was glad to get your letter, and very sorry to hear the children had been sick so much this winter. Hope Daisy's cold is better. First thing I want to thank you very much for the pictures. The others were all much pleased and wished me to return their thanks to you. We all



think your picture is very good, but makes you look much older than you really do. I do not think Mr. Conklin succeeded very well with that group.

Yes you wrote me about Dr. Lindsley writing to Dr. Dickson, he seems to do such unwise things all the time. It is all true about Kadishan. He is now suspended from the church. No I do not think there will any more Indians go down to Portland very soon. Now Dr. L. requires Mr. Young to pay the steamer boat fare for both those Indians. It is \$130 and the Purser holds Mr. Young for it. I do wish the Board would send Mrs. Dickinson's salary. There is \$150 behind. I cannot understand these things. Dr. Kendall knew when he was here, that she was not paid, yet nothing has been sent. Mrs. Mahon's box from Washington city came this steamer. Mrs. Dickinson was quite delighted with the things you sent her. But the dress and saccue sent for herself that I do not think they will do her any good, but Willie is the proudest boy you ever saw, his clothes fit him nicely. By the way I hope you wrote to this lady "A. J. Prondfit" where they are getting up the box about Mrs. Dickinson being large and fleshy. It would not be worth while for me to write to her now, as she says "We hope to have the box ready early in April". Besides I cannot make out what her place is by the way it is written. Did you direct them to send the box to me? I hope they will send such things as will be of use to the Dickinsons.

Now Dr. while I am particular desirous of having Alaska put under your care I do not see any move I can make in the matter. I wish you would write to Mr. Young about it. I could do nothing without him, but I feel it will eventually be done. I am sure it would be a great thing for us and I will hail the day when it takes place. Mr. Young has written you a very long letter and I presume has told you a great deal. He is completely won over to our side, he is thoroughly disgusted with the way Dr. Lindsley has done. Now it seems the money for the Home is exhausted. Could you possibly raise enough to pay for the paper and muslin for the walls? It will be a large bill probably \$200, but I am so anxious to get into the house that I am going to send down to Portland this mail asking a house there to let me have it on credit. Of course I will have to be responsible for the payment of the bill, but where the money is to come from I do not know. But I do not believe I will be left to suffer for it. Perhaps I have done wrong in assuming so much, but if I had not the building would have remained unfinished. Now they all think that if the paper and cloth comes that we will be able to get into the Home by June.

Much love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.

Very Truly Yours,

A. R. McFarland



P. S. One thing I forgot to tell you. When I was in Portland I wrote to Mr. Cromwall about the freight business. He agreed to allow missionary boxes sent free from Portland also freight for the missionaries at half fare. I think that is splendid, don't you?

Of the  
Board of Home Missions Presbyterian Church  
53 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.  
April 11, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Washington, D. C.  
My Dear Brother:

Of the multitude of letters that showered upon me after my election to the board I assure you none gave me truer gratification than yours. The familiar hand-writing, the cordial words carried me back along the track of fifteen important years. You knew me in my weakness, you know my infirmities, you are well acquainted with my records and with what has seemed to me more than a brother's solicitude you have watched my work and sympathized with me in every trial and helped me over many a rough and stony hillside. No one knows me better than you do.

When repeatedly urged to return to the charge of the Utah work I have invariably said that if you were made Secretary I would consider the matter - but never could I entertain the proposition while the veteran regulars were superseded by raw recruits. I have repeatedly urged your name for the Secretaryship and thought at one time that you would surely be elected. I do not know nor can I understand how Irwin came to be elected instead of you.

I was not an aspirant for the office never sought it - did not know that my name had been presented to the Board until the telegram came which informed me of my election. The news was like a lightning flash in a clear sky. But so it is. Please accept my gratitude and love for your letter and the acts of kindness of which the past 15 years in full.

Truly Yours,  
(signed) D. J. McMillan.

Washington, D. C.  
April 11, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Galesburg, Ill.  
My Dear Sir:

I am greatly obliged to you for your prompt reply to my inquiry concerning the Alaska report for 1879, and would



say in regard to the 1880 report that I shall be glad to receive it as soon as it can be prepared.

Very Truly Yours,  
John Eaton  
Commissioner

Greenville, C.  
April 11, 1880

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Will go to Fairplay on condition proposed will write tomorrow.

J. C. Fastman

Animas City, Col.  
April 12, 1880

Dear Brother:

Not long ago I saw an article in the Presbytery Banner by Pres. Fay's of Washington College on "Consecration". I considered it from my humble stand point, away out on one to the out posts of Israel's army, a stern, timely, and well deserved rebuke to the church as to supporting and encouraging my young brethern to this noble home mission work. I thanked him and God for it. And yet since your letter to me saying that you could not find, in all the seminaries a young man or two willing to come and labor in these needy and very important and stirring points around me, I have felt as if I would like to address my brethern on this subject. I am almost led to pity the seminary brother, timidly sitting down in some old lifeless eastern church, surrounded by churches and brethern but slightly interested in his success. Ah the difficulties during the weary years, chaffing the ambition, who thinks of this with pleasure? Is there nothin inviting to manly courage rich experiences rapid success and freedom that one must stand in as little folk among the vetren giants of the field and army? I sometimes ask myself, it is not mine to ask of it to others, where is the true knight, errantry and over mastering passion is all this? Perhaps it is too harsh a question to ask! And yet I think how much, as has been the case with this great field with a second leadville in it, is lost to the church. I thank God with a melancholy heart for what he has done for me and made me out here in these two years. It has been rich experience, precious fruit, all my own, and what do I know of the years to come. I have not built on another's foundation. The dangers and troubles on the out posts of our own beloved land are big bears at a distance and no more. As to food, raiment, and comfort it is not to be mentioned. Have these long trips and night sleeping



on the ground been terrible things to me! As I have sped through these mountains on my mercies errands, ah they are jokes at which I laugh.

Indians? Pshaw! Comfort? Have had as much as anybody! All any soldier of Christ ought to expect, or look for. I do not reflect on or say ought or compare my lot and self to any of my dear brethern who have chosen fields near home and civilization(?) but I most earnestly say brethern venture out and see.

Yours from the Field,  
W. C. Beebe

Del Norte, Col.  
April 12, 1880

My dear Brother Jackson.

I am grateful to you for passes etc; but I regret that Mrs Darley health is so delicate that she will be unable to go east with me. I shall leave her here until I return. As where I begin work among the Mexicans after my return, I am now thinking of residing in Conjos Co. This will not interfere with any minister who comes here in my place getting the house and we will pay the rent as per stipulation agreed upon.

I think I can do with the "Ship" etc. As you desire at least lend them until I should need them for another tour. I have only single specimen. If I have not pressed beyond measure I hope to have the Ritual and Hymns all translated before Assembly meets, the hymns as usual "Metrically". Can furnish Rocky but Pres. therewith etc. Got an old Crucifixion picture, very primitive last week at Los Sauces. Expect to get specimen of fruit used in cutting Penitente hocks? If you know cuts are for every day of Passion week into which the whis is struck.

The Board kindly granted me \$100 for last two months. Tell Bro. Kerr added 10 adults and 5 children to Ceniceró church last communion, and the brothers presented me with 8 sheep one steer, and about \$17 as salary there. You know I have preached to them regularly every month since this time a year ago. Raise over \$400 at Alanosa Col. last week but came within \$57 of rededication, hope to make that next trip. Was away from home 3 weeks and 3 hours, drove 223 miles, buried 3 children, married two couples etc. My schools are two. San Luis, Costilla Co. Miss Anna M. Ross, teacher. Ceniceró Conjos Co., the Misses Malana Conaway and Elizabeth P. Smith, teachers. Miss S. teaching gratuitously. I have been presented with a house 84 by 16 feet in San Rafael, Conjos Co. by Juan Baptista Chacon, you remember him as amanuensis in Manuel Silva's letter. Miss Smith thinks some of opening school there this summer. School closes this week for spring vacation, the long vacation.

Yours Fraternally,  
Alex. M. Darley



Aninas City, Col.  
April 12, 1880

Rev. Jackson,  
Dear Doctor:

Enclosed please find the petition for my new commission I ought to have sent it sooner but Mr. McKie was away and we had to wait on him.

Now my kind and loved brother I want to again state my desire not to be in this but in another field by next fall Presbytery. I know and appreciate both your very kind letter and that of Dr. Kendall, he was an old acquaintance of my father's but I have many considerations, not pertaining to this field that I have been so successful in and that I love, which makes me think it is wise not to come back here when I take my trip east. They are of an honorable and honest kind? I know as Dr. Kendall says "the hazard" and to part from here will be pain. Will not Mr. Stewart of Evans fill my place after July? I don't see how if I go east in July, I can be at Presbytery. It would take almost all the time out of this precious quarter here to go and come and then turn round and leave. My audience is as flattering as ever also the C.S. and yet we have been sailing on somewhat rough sea because I took the church members severely to task for dancing. This is one reason of my wishing to stick close by here till I go away.

It has greatly paralyzed my zeal about visiting outside places to know that no one is to come after me and to know that I have no power of organizing churches. I am going to write to Presbytery as to my desire to leaving here, also I want to express myself through your paper as to young men not venturing into these outposts.

My regards to your family.

Yours in Christ,  
W. C. Beebe

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New York, April 13th

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have yours of the 6th neither does Dr. Adams endorse Middleton for any high place but Fraser who has just come from Buffalo to Classon Ave., Brooklyn says M. was in his Buffalo church, that the last two summers he has done splendid work in some suburban field near Buffalo, so that is on the other side. But I should suppose they would not demand a high rate of talent at Greely and Evans, but work it out as you will. I would trust him sooner than either than at Alanosa and Delharte but work it out as you will.

2. J. H. Howey ask Crissman at Keamey or wait till you come to the Assembly. You will be able to tow away several from there I presume.

3. Nothing lately from Portland or Alaska, except a call of Oregon Presb'y for three more men for Alaska.



My plan is to hold the ground by sending Young up the coast with Vanderbilt's steamer during the summer and thus hold the ground till we can find the right man, and let Dr. Worlis fill Young's place at home. Can we do better than this? We have a long letter from Annin this morning and there is as I supposed another side. He makes little account of the Christian character of the leader in apposition. He says six united at last communion by letter. I am still in doubt as to what is wise.

Darley too is after Dr. Dickson, I hardly know what for. But there are generally two sides and truth lies between!

5. The Rock Mt. Presber. just in. It is a good number.

6. New Mexico must have early attention.

7. Dr. Thomas writes that he has failed as to the land title but he hopes to succeed by another method. He starts home next week. I invited him here but he says he cannot come.

Yours Truly,

H. Kendall

Las Vegas, New Mexico  
April 14, 1880

S. Jackson, Esq.

Dear Brother:

We are waiting as patiently as possible for your coming. Bro. Annin is having considerable sickness in his family. He lost the ends of two of his fingers in a hay cutter, but they are nearly well. Both of the daughters are having the measles, but are doing well. Mrs. A. I don't suppose will ever recover in this place and perhaps not if she were removal to some other climate. There is no change in the church. On last Sabbath there were 12 persons at church all told and a very pleasant day. It was partly owing to sickness. Las Vegas is improving very rapidly.

I want to state a case to you for your opinion, as it is bothering me. Sometime ago we gave Mr. Annin our letters from the Weatherford Church, myself, as elder, and my wife and her daughter. A week ago last Sunday we had communion service. Bro. Annin stated to the congregation that he had our letters, merely saying they were regular. He being the officer of the church, he then called on me to assist in administering of the Lord's Supper. Now what I want to know is, had I a right to serve? Could I be an elder of this church without some action. If I am not an elder of this church then I am no longer an elder of any. Then if I am not an elder have I a right to official as such? Bro. Annin did not announce to the congregation that my letter was as an elder. Please answer these questions and you will greatly oblige me. Please let me know as soon as possible what we are to expect.

Yours Fraternally,

B. E. Borden



Fort Wrangell, Alaska  
April 15, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of March 10th has just reached me, and demands an answer by this boat. I intended to write at any rate fully on the same subject of which I shall principally speak, Mrs. McFarland having shown me your letter last month.

I cannot tell you how much I regret that a private and confidential statement of mine should be dragged forth, added to, and aired in an "official communciation". All that I have written to Dr. Lindsley touching the unhappy controversy between yourself and him, and I have said little, has been confidential, and I have expressly requested him not to use my name in any public way, or in any manner to involve me in a quarrel which could only result in harm to ourselves and our mission. You are of course aware of my relationship with Dr. L. and of his personal kindness shown to my wife and myself in the early part of our stay in this " ". The arrival of you and Dr. Kendall in company with Dr. L. last summer, was a most unfortunate circumstance. . . . Could the two parties have arrived a month apart, our enjoyment of the visitors and their good results would have greatly increased. As it was, the result of your coming to gether was the daily widening of a breach which would not and cannot be healed between you and Dr. L. and the placing of myself in the unpleasant position of being interviewed, argued with, and blowed by both parties, and often put to my wits end to know how to manage affairs so as to avoid incurring the dire displeasure of all three of our honored Drs. Divorce yourself for a moment from your personal interest in the difficulty, put yourself in my place and you will see how the mere fact of Dr. L. being my guest and a relative of my wife's would cause him to think I ought to warmly espouse his cause, and would make you suspicious of me and watchful for slights. Many and anxious were the conferences Mrs. McFarland and I had as to the best way of promoting harmony, or at least keeping hid from the eyes of whites and Indians a quarrel, which, if known must result in great harm to our work here. I avoided taking sides and did my best to pour oil on the troubled waters, but the ghost of dissension would not down, , and after the unfortunate occurrence in Shakes house for which, pardon me for saying, I think you were both greatly to blame, the state of feeling between you became a theme for comment and jest to the whole town. Dr. K. and I had a free and confidential talk immediately after this sad affair, when we came to a full understanding and were a unit in our regret of the scene, in our judgement as to the results, and in our determination to keep out, of the quarrel as far as we could. Your urging it upon me soon after this that I should petition to be transferred from the presbytery of Oregon to that of Puget Sound a course which you were well aware would forever alienate from me and our mission Dr. L. and his Presbytery and draw down upon my devoted head the vials of his wrath.



In reply to a letter from Dr. L. in which he spoke of those articles in severe terms, I replied that your letters were full of errors, and that I thought they placed me in a very wrong light. I said that should it become necessary I should myself reply to the errors therein. This I did as much from a design to keep him quiet and prevent a newspaper war, which we all deprecate, as to smooth his ruffled feathers. In the same letter I urged him to say nothing in public which would drag the mission or any of the missionaries into unpleasant prominence. My letter to him was strictly private and confidential and there was nothing in it which would warrant his giving it to the public and especially to the presbytery. I feel that he has betrayed confidence and done me a serious injury by so doing. I have consciously done nothing to "weaken your efforts or increase the difficulties in the way of enlarging your work". I acknowledge your extraordinary and earnest efforts on behalf of this mission. To you more than to any other man is due its success, especially in the matter of financial support. If I criticize you, it is from regret that efforts so earnest and fruitful in results should be marred by blemishes which we cannot help seeing, and not from any spirit of fault finding. For your efforts in behalf of our mission I do now earnestly thank you. That my statement made in private letter was used in public against you I am most heartily sorry, if I have done you an injury I beg your pardon. Bear with me while I enter one more little complaint and then I will stop. In your letter to Mrs. McFarland there was an implied threat which does not appear in your letter to me that if I disapproved or criticized your public writings concerning Alaska you would draw off and do no more for me. Now Dr. that was not worthy of you, as if our praise or the approval of the public was what you were working for, as if praise or blame should in the slightest degree influence a christian conscientious, self-forgetful work for Christ! I am at a loss to know where I belong or how I am to make out my reports. If the decision of the Board concerning the synodical location of Alaska is mistaken where shall I send my Presbyterial and Gen. Assembly reports? My commission places me in the Presbytery of Oregon it does that of Mr. Lyons just prepared to that I was dismissed from the Presbytery of W. Va. and the home board has in its instructions and transactions with me gone continually upon the assumption that there I belong. I wait for fuller light. I feel that we are very poor little bones for such big dogs to wrangle over.

I am glad that you presented the interests of Alaska before Congress. I was about to prepare a request to the Board that you be allowed to go to Washington for that purpose when I heard that you were going. Send me the results fully as soon as know.

Mr. Lyons is here. I persuaded him to stop over a month and let his wife stay with Mrs. Y. while he and I should go



on a missionary exploration tour among the Hydahs of Prince of Wales Island. We will start next Monday, If my report prove favorable please press that point before the Board strongly next after Chilcat. Should these two points be supplied this summer we should have a Presbytery and the helpless bone would evolve into a dog itself, teeth and all. If these point are not supplied at once I am very much afraid they will be taken by the Catholics. If we had them secured we could control this archipelago and all southeastern Alaska. The urgent necessity for doing something to secure the Hydahs the best tribe on the coast impels me to take this trip now, though the snow is not all off the ground, and what is a great hindrance, the trip to Chilcat cost me \$75 which was not noticed by the Board and I have no assurance that the expense of this trip will be assumed even in part. The incidentals for this year and last, Mrs Dickinson's salary and the expenses of Shakes and Kadishanto and from Portland have all been unjustly laid upon my weak back to the amount of \$350 and I am "broken" These trips are the most useful ones to the Board that I could make and they ought to support me in them. I hope to make a very careful and complete report concerning these towns.

We got bricks and finishing lumber by this boat for the Home and will have all the rest of the material by the next for its completion.

Now dear brother please regard all items in this letter of a personal character as strictly and confidentially private I hope that our confidence in each other is more than restored if it has ever been impaired. Thank you for your picture and presents to Indians. Aaron send you word that no Indian here after shall have the name Moses given to you and you will be recognized as head of their family. Mr. Lyons has drawn up the petition you spoke of and we put it in your hands. Please tell me how we can help you in getting educational support for this region from government.

Mrs. Young sends love to yourself and family. Please send me a copy of your book on Alaska and I will send the money.

Believe me, I am more than ever

Your brother in Christ,  
S. Hall Young

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Sitka, Alaska  
April 16, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Friend:

Yours of March 10th came to hand by this mail. It had enclosed a check for \$25. You may consider those curios dear but you could not buy them here today for the same money. I am loser on thw whole amount.



Mr. and Mrs. Lyons have reached Fort Wrangel and have been persuaded to remain there one month. We are regret this delay, for they were expected here in February and the Indians are beginning to tire of waiting. Mr. L. wrote to me asking me to take care of his boxes. He and Young are going off on some sort of a trip, he thinks he will get broken in thus. The school has begun and the interest on the part of both teacher and native children is great and real. Miss A. is enthusiastic in her new labors. The room needs to be furnished with some sort of desks and seats with backs to them. The severe winter has delayed everything all of six weeks. The snow fall was deep and melts slowly. Mr. Austin is fitting up rooms in the soldiers quarters.

We had a good service last Sunday afternoon. Several of the officers from Jamestown came in to help us in the singing. Most of the audience were young natives. They were cleaner and better dressed than I have ever seen them. They appear to be anxious to learn.

I have been very busy for the past three weeks. It is my desire to carefully study the customs, myths, saying, etc of these people. I have partial insight into a few things but I have not verified them as I wish. I think Mrs. McP. should be taught how to make her girls help earn their own living by employing spare hours. She has had no drilling in this sort of economy and is not aware how much can be accomplished by constant littles. The miners use much that they could make well with a fair profit. Smaller girls than her work in eastern factories. One or two knitting machines would add to their income.

As Mr. Lyon is not here we cannot make that petition together. I have asked him to confer with Mr. Y. on the subject and if they deem it best to forward such a petition, I am in favor of a Presbytery as soon as possible.

I feel a little anxious to see your book. It will be carefully read by the people here and if you are caught napping lookout. Capt. Thorn quits the California after this trip.

We are hoping that a form of government will be granted to us this session. Butler's bill would be very satisfactory Alaska Com. Co. will surely appose it with all their power. I have not seen anything of the Dawe's bill for the appropriation. Hope it may pass so that work can begin this year.

Yours Sincerely,  
John G. Brady

Horrisdale, Minnes  
Clearfield Co. Pa.  
April 16, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson,



Dear Brother:

Just arrived home from Presbytery. I notice in your letter your synod meets in May. I will try and meet you at that body. If not hope to be on the field in May. Write me as soon as you have field where I am to reside.

Mrs. T. expect to go to Washington, D.C. to visit her people next week and when she returns hope to be ready to go. I find it quite a task to get ready? The people here all oppose my going, but I feel I can do a greater work for my master.

My wife feels anxious to know if we can get a house to live in. For myself I could live in a tent if it was necessary. I wish the journey was over and once more settled.

Yours Fraternally,  
Thomas Thompson

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Port Wrangell, Alaska  
April 17, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
dear Brother;

We arrived here safely last Monday. When we came we had no notion of staying any longer than the steamer did in this place. My friend Mr. Young desired me to stop over until the next steamer and go with him on a trip to the Hyda country, leaving Mrs. Lyons with Mrs. Young. Mrs. L. was needing rest very badly and when I considered that and how I needed a season of training I concluded to stop. I am persuaded it will be better for all concerned. Mr. Young said it would be better for two to go on the expedition than one and I hope to do some good in that way. We expect to be gone two or three weeks on our canoe voyage and I think I will be able to talk some in the Chinook, by the time we return. Hope to be able to give you a full account of our trip by next mail. I am anxious to get to Sitka and felt rather when the boat left and realized that I could not go for another month. Will you be so kind as to send us a picture of yourself like the one you sent Mr. Young? And also announce in the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, that we will gladly receive any S.S. papers at Sitka.

Mr. Young is so busy he asked me to write the petition to the Assembly for a presbytery, as you directed. See next page.

Yours Obediently,  
G. W. Lyons

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New York 23 st. Centre  
April 17, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir and Brother:



I take the earliest opportunity of writing to you, the daily correspondence is so pressing. On my return a fortnight ago, I found the "Evangelist" had already brought forward your name and Dr. Dickson's. I am afraid many will not know about his health and that any continued strain on his attention, might have a very serious effect. It would be a grand thing to have this next a Home Missionary Assembly.

I have not seen Dr. Roberts hardly since my return. He has been away on account of the sudden death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Roderick of Wilkesbarre, just after Dr. Roberts sister had sailed for a visit back to Wales, but I hope to have a talk on Monday next. It seems common sense that a newspaper cannot be looked after to advantage at arms length of 1000 miles. Yet with all this it seems to give great satisfaction and still I do not believe people quite appreciate the need of such an organ for home meeting. I do not see how we could work at all without it.

I think that prospects are encouraging that the Board of southwest will cooperate with us, as to their home department also the synodical society of Tennessee and Iowa also perhaps - Mrs C.J. McClung of Knoxville Tenn. expresses great regret that I did not come to Knoxville - Had we better try it before or after the General Assembly? Also Dr. Arthur Mitchell of Chicago, whom I used to know well years ago, proposed a Home - Missions in his church (lecture probably) for our Executive Committee, - Had we better have it before or after the Assembly, so far as you can judge? I am not sure it would be best to speak of your coming too -

The friends of Home Missions ought to rally to Madison this spring. The Board of H.M is sure to be attacked, I fear, from what I heard at Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. Surely it may be said of these people "they know not what they do".

Rev. Timothy Hill of Kansas is invited to address the students of Union Theol. Sem. on Tuesday May 11th and Dr. Hastings writes he will be glad to have him talk on home mission on Sunday eve, probably the 9th and we hope other appointments may be made.

Some one at Quincy, Ill came to put us on our guard about \_\_\_\_\_ at Santa Fe. I am glad to know you are to investigate the matter. Such complaining only shows the need of someone to superintend the work of the missions school and teachers. Mrs. H. F. Boyd reports receipts for past year at \$11,000 and over. I have not the exact figures at hand. We must expect more by God's blessing another year

We are glad to know of Mr. Parks purchase at Logan for \$850 and want to help also in Prof. Coyner's enlargement at Salt Lake City. Can you bring on at least one idol?

Love to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours Very Truly,

F. H. H. Haines

P. S. I sent to Monfort & Co. the matter already set up but with directions to put other things sent first and help this



for July, in my case of need for June no. I hope can be delayed as last year for our annual meeting report.

We ordered 1000 copies of Mrs. Norcross' paper and like it very much.

Theol. Sem. Columbia, S. C.  
April 19, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

I have just received a letter from my relatives the Dodds of Trinidad, Col. in relation to missionary work in Utah and New Mexico. They state that men are needed there and refer me to you for particulars. First of all I will state I am a son of Rev. J. M. Shepherd once minister of the church of Wooster and Marion, Ohio and afterwards, of the church of Muncie Ind. My father is now a member of the Presbytery of Memphis but is superannuated. I myself am a licentiate of that Pres. and am just finishing the course at this seminary. My education was obtained partly in the north and partly in the south. My experience in ministerial work has of course been limited. I have labored two summers in the Mts. of North Carolina a pretty rough field for the east but far less difficult I suppose than those you are trying to occupy. My plans are thus far indefinite. I am in correspondence with a church in Texas and have some chance of obtaining presbyterial in Tenn. or Ark. My objection to any post of the lower Miss. Valley is the malaria prevalent there. I have spent ten years of my life in Tenn. and have enjoyed too little immunity from to hope for any continual usefulness there. In the northwest however and in the Mts. I have never had any trouble. Now it is west of the Rocky Mts. I cannot say. In regard to the work you have to do, I presume it is almost wholly evangelistic and that it involves much severe travel and labor. I should also imagine that that to succeed there we would need considerable extempore power with more vital Godliness than systematic Theology outwardly displayed. Whether I have any qualification for such a field I really do not know. However I shall be willing to try, if Providence should indicate that line of duty. I have spoken extempore part of the time, but cannot boast of any proficiency as an off hand speaker. Now sir, if you see fit I should like to have what ever information you think necessary in regard to Utah. I cannot tell when I ought to go, as yet, but on the whole incline to the west and on some account to the far West. Please let me hear from you at your convenience, and believe me

Your Ob't Servant,  
Chas. M. Shepherd



Jemes, New Mexico  
April 19, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Dear Doctor:

I feel glad that the Board has continued our workers in New Mexico. Bro. Montoya is actively engaged in preaching reading and taking with his countrymen. I have been trying to train Mr. Perea like Mr. Montoya a little. They both mean well, but have the miserable Mexican way of doing business. A careless way and it is almost impossible to get them to keep appointments or come to time sharp. I think both are beginning to see that their way is a very poor one.

The Presbytery of S. M. is to meet at Jemes on the evening of the 2nd of September. Be here if you possibly can. If you think any of the Secretaries might come you can inform them of the time. I gave them an invitation and asked them to say what time would be most suitable if one could come, but I received no reply and will trouble myself no further about it. If Dr. J. was sure there was no small pox here he might possible come. There is no change in the running of stages yet. The R. R. Co. are surveying up the Jemes, by way of Salt river and the Soda Springs to the west, and if they build their main line west by this route we will only be 5 miles from P.R. in a short time. It is a splendid route and at least 25 to 30 miles shorter and I think they will come up the Jemes to near San Ysidro.

As to getting a child to go to Carlisle I don't know. We would like to have one of our scholars go, but I am afraid it cannot be done. The Government should be strong enough and good enough to just take Indian children where they want them and thus rescue them from heathenism. If we just had these dear children away from this Sink of Abomination and iniquity we might soon see them clothed and in there right mind and sitting at the feet of Jesus, meek and lowly, and ready to learn of him instead of Montezuman. You spoke about Mr. Donaldson coming into our Presbytery. I wish you would write me more particulary about this. We had so much trouble and bitterness over Cenicerro church matter that I am afraid and shall not notify Bro. Donaldson until I see my way more clearly. He comes from the same Co. in Pa. that I do and I would much like to see him and have him in our Presbytery, but he is in the bounds of another Presbytery and we would most likely have a fuss with them about it moreover later. To make matters worse last fall Bro. Roberts opposed the licensing of Montoya bitterly and unfairly and I did not find out until on the way home that Bro. Ortega who has passed to his reward was married the first time to a sister of Mr. Montoya. Bro. Ortega seemed to be the one Bro. Roberts blamed most about Cenicerro. We have a large territory in New Mexico and enough to do to attend to our business. Bro. Taylor is to be with the Moquis also and we could not have them both and I think it would be wiser and better to let both of these Brothers come under this one



Presbytery.

All well and getting along well. Kindest regards.

Your brother in Christ,  
J. M. Shields.

P. S. Please acknowledge the receipt of this.

J. M. S.

Ocate, Mora Co. N. M.

April 20, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Rev. and Dear Brother:

I desire once more to write to you, and yet scarcely know what to say. This however I will say, that I have not been as prompt in replying to our last welcome favor as I should have been. I am at a great loss to know just what course to pursue in regard to the further prosecution of work upon the church and school-building here. Rev. Roberts held Communion here two weeks ago, while visiting among the members of this church, he gave them to understand that he was not going to do anything further towards the completion of the church or school-room, the reason as he said, that he felt quite sure that when Dr. Jackson came to visit this field, he would have this school removed to some other point in the Territory, Jackson would not consider the Board justifiable in supporting a school numbering about 21 or 22 scholars; and yet our dear brother tells me that his own school, located as it is in a county seat; after having been in progress for the last five or six years or possibly longer; at the expense of the Board, only numbers 22 or 23 pupils at this present time. Two of whom he took out of our school here last winter. But with this find no fault, nor do we feel the least displeasure toward him for having done so; as he has better facilities for teaching than we have, and we are anxious for those pupils to enjoy every possible advantage in the acquisition of an education; as they are excellent young people, and deserve all the advantages that can be given them. In two or three weeks after we first came to Ocate, Bro. Roberts wrote us wishing to know whether we would be willing to trade fields of labor with he and Mrs. Roberts or not? We move to Taos and take charge of the school they were teaching there, and he and Mrs. Roberts move to Ocate and take charge of the church and school here. In date first visit he made us here he insisted upon us trading places with he and his wife. He told us that just as he was starting here, Mrs. Roberts gave him orders to try if possible and induce us to trade fields of labor with them, as she thought they could accomplish more among the people here than they could at Taos. But we did not quite conclude to make the change. But what we are at a loss to understand is this: why Brother Roberts and wife should be so anxious to come here to labor if they thought they was



any possibility of the school being removed to some other point in the Territory! On account of its numerical insignificance. But why would I kindly ask is our school so small? Simply because there has been no effort made to finish and furnish our school building here: which might, and it seems to me should have been finished over a year ago, if the money which has been donated by friends of the Missionary cause in the West for that purpose had been energetically applied in that way. Do not my Dear Bro. think that I am casting any reflections upon you in this matter, for I am not. I believe you have done everything you could for us, and more perhaps than we deserve at your hands. Bro. P. told me last fall that he had sufficient means on hand to finish our school room, which had been donated expressly for that purpose, but he thought we had better postpone finishing the school room for a short time, and possibly we might get enough more money donated to finish both church and school room at the same time. And he told Maes when he was here two weeks ago, that he had money enough on hand to finish either our school room or church, but refused to apply it in that way, for the previously assigned reason, viz that Dr. Jackson would in probability move the school to some other point, and such being the case it would be useless expenditure of money to finish the school room. We told Brother P. that we supposed Mrs. Lloyd had some money which had been donated toward the finishing of our school room, and which we might possibly have forwarded to us at any time we wished. He said he believe if he were in our place he could not send for it with a view to applying it in that way, for he felt very sure when Dr. Jackson came he would order the school taken to some other point, and we thus loss all the money and time expended in that way. Thus you see my dear Brother that our hands are completely tied. We cannot do anything for want of means to do with, and those who have the requisite means refuse either to do anything themselves or to consent to let others try to do. Bro. P. told us he did not believe we could get money that had been put into Mrs. Lloyd's hands for Coate, even if we did send for it, as we were entire strangers to her and she would be very claer of sending money which had been entrusted to her care, to parties whom she knew nothing at all about, which is in all probability the case, and if it is, then it leaves us without means with which to do anything. As to the size of our school I have only this to say, that I feel pretty sanguine that we could have had a good comfortable well furnished school room to have occupied on eyear ago, that our school might now number 30 or 40 scholars, as quite a number of men who have large families have come here from several miles distance to visit our school, who told us that if our school building was finished, they would come and put up temporary dwelling houses and move their families her in order to have their children get into our school. But when they came and saw our miserable unhealthy school room and the way in which our scholars were situated and our infacilities for teaching, they quickly abandoned all their preconceived



projects in this direction. Bro. Maes feels very badly about the way affairs are being managed; he does not seem satisfied with Bro. B's course of procedure in reference to the finishing of our school room. He says it seems to him that Dr. Jackson would not have written to us advising us to finish and furnish our school room, if he had not meant just what he wrote or if he had any idea, or intention to move our school away from this place. Bro. Maes is extremely anxious to have both our church and school-room finished at the earliest possible day. You will find the reason he assigned to me for wishing to finish our church immediately, recorded in Luke. 14th:24-30., which is one of the best that could be given, particularly in this Protestant-hating community. Our Church at present numbers 4 members; and our Sabbath-school, 50 scholars, with the interest constantly increasing.

We have a very interesting earnest prayer meeting one evening each week. We feel that the Lord has greatly blessed the meagre efforts of his poor unworthy servants in the furthering of his cause and the building up of his kingdom among these simple earnest idolatrous heathen people. And if we should be called to leave this and go to some other field of labor or should we be dismissed entirely, we should leave feeling happy in the consciousness of having done all we could to further cause of our Blessed Master among the people here. Please brother, do let me hear from you at the earliest convenience. Do you advise me to go ahead and finish our school room, providing we can get the requisite means with which to do so? If so, will you be so kind to ask Mrs. Boyd to send that money to Bro. Maes? We have never heard anything from it since you first wrote us about it. Please give us your opinion in regard to the whole matter explicitly and in full. I have written you in the strictest confidence as no one save my companion know anything about how I feel in regard to the way in which our church and school matters have been managed here. Perhaps it may be all right, I sincerely hope it is. But I should like very much to have your private opinion concerning it. I have many more things I should like to say to you, but as I have already wearied your patience shall close by once more requesting you to favor us with a response at your earliest convenience. Meanwhile, I remain

Your true friend and brother in Christ,  
F. W. Hall

P. S. In compliance with your request I wrote a long letter to Rev. Childs and family, but as yet have received no reply. We would be pleased if you could tell us definitely when you expect to visit this place, as those people have heard that you are coming and they are all anxious to see you while here. We wish you if possible to spend the Sabbath with us when you come.



St Pleasant, Utah  
April 22, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson;

There is a no. 1 young man of the class of '80 Union Sem. whom we must have for Utah. He has given his promise to the Board to go wherever they see fit to send him. You see Am. Fork is now vacant. Nephi with a small organization is now needing a minister. The Cort brothers go to St George and Parawan. Besides these we need three or four others.

Why is it that your Utah editor never mentions the San Pete work. It has been well nigh miraculous. We have more converts from Mormonism in our San Pete churches than all the other church in Salt Lake City, Ogden, Eroro, Beavergryes and Lount combined. That is here in this benighted valley that the Salt Lake folks never did like to have worked up. We have more visible results than in any other part of the T. and all denominations combined. And yet your correspondent has not noticed it even. I ask the question because letters from the East press. The present condition of work in this valley is most happily far beyond the most sanguine hopes of any of us.

We are petitioning the Board to divide our synod into two districts and appoint a Supt. of Missions for each. McViece wrote out the paper and took the liberty of suggesting Cowick for our western tier of T. But Parks and I are anxious for you to take charge of our division and let some other man take the Eastern division. I intended to consult you before the thing was put on foot but McViece prepared and started the paper around before the points in it were all settled amongst ourselves. Perhaps he consulted you though. If he did not please write him or me your views in full right away so that we may have them before the paper has been to all the brethren.

We are quite well and happy.

Yours,

D. J. McMillan

Anderson Bay, N. Z.  
April 23, 1880

My dear Br. Jackson;

I enclose draft on Bank of England in your favor for 3 lb. which you will please receive on behalf of your Alaska Mission. I will, God willing, send you another in Oct. I am sorry I missed the last mail. I was away from home visiting a district at the request of our church. Extension Com. and organizing local committees with a view to the settlement of a minister there. Our great want here is suitable men. We have just had a new acquisition to our strength in a promising young man, who spent two years at Princeton and who tells



me he frequently met you while he was there, his name is Ingle and I think he will soon be settled in one of our vacancies.

I like the new form into which you have cast your paper. I think it is an improvement. It is very interesting.

The Lord give you an abundant blessing in your work!

Yours Very Sincerely,

C. Stuart Ross.

P. S. I find banks are closed today because it is St. George's day and I can't get a bank draft, mail will be closed before tomorrow that is before bank hours. You may look for it however by next mail. I am sorry this delay has occurred.

C. S. R.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.  
April 23, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Sir:

You will greatly oblige me by giving this circular your careful attention and replying as I know your views are well matured on the subject and you can speak from a thorough experience of work among the Indians.

Yours Very Truly,

T. M. Sinclair

Dear Sir:

Some of those who are deeply interested in the cause of the Indians and especially in the advancement of religion among them, are proposing to memorialize the Assembly at its meeting in Madison, Wis. Urging that body to take advantage of the interest which is at present awakened throughout the remote country on behalf of the Indians and as far as possible extend the work of our church among them. Feeling assured that you will be deeply interested in the cause I take the liberty of asking an answer to the following questions.

1st. "What additional missionary if any could be advantageously used in your field?"

2nd. "What the special needs of your Mission?"

3th. "In what way can these needs be met by our church most practically?"

4th. "What native christian help can be secured and utilized by you."

5th. "What addition expenditure of money would be useful to supply the want of your mission?"

6th. "What other fields do you know of where there seems to be a special call and effort for work among the Indians?"

7th. "What suggestion can you make as to what we should ask the assembly to do on behalf of the Indian race generally?"



8th. A bill has been before the House of Representatives asking that religious liberty be granted to all denominations to work among the Indians on any reservation without restriction on the ground that that special reservation has been assigned to some particular denomination. This bill has been defeated. What is your opinion as to our asking the Assembly to memorialize Congress to pass such a measure? Should not we treat the Indians as men, and give them the same religious rights and liberty that we demand for ourselves?

9th. What is your opinion as to the advisability of our asking the assembly to memorialize Congress, urging:

1st. That such legislation be enacted as shall give full protection of law to the Indians?

2nd. That such steps should be taken as may be deemed most prudent and advisable, looking toward the admission of the Indians to all the rights of citizenship as soon as they are prepared to assume its responsibilities?

Any other suggestion you can make on this general subject will be most gratefully received by

Yours Truly,

T. M. Sinclair

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

April 14, 1880

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

April 30, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

I have your esteemed favor of 29th inst and am very much obliged to you for giving me so much of your time when you must be so busy. Our Presbytery passed very enthusiastically and unannouncedly the overture to the assembly on the Indian question and Mr. Burkhalter and I are going up to the assembly as delegates so we hope to meet you there and discuss this matter more fully. In the meanwhile the information you give and the suggestions you make will be carefully considered. I trust some good may come out of our movement and that a great interest may be stirred up in this work.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Yours Truly,

T. M. Sinclair

P. S. We have your book on Alaska and are reading it with interest

Victoria, B. C.

April 24, 1880

Dear Brother:



Your kind favor to hand, it has been a long time coming though the snowstorms I presume.

Rev. C. L. Lyons and wife were with us for a few days en route for Alaska, the last of the party. Before that we had the Austin family, Mrs. McFarland, Bro. Brady, Elder Picken etc. Quite a party of nice people going to these new parts. I saw them frequently but not as often as I wished on account of sickness in my family. Several of these friends spoke of the importance of having a Presbytery formed and urged me to make a visit to Alaska soon. I may go up this season but am not certain my family condition and the pulpit supply may prevent. But I could not consent when our friends asked me to aid in forming a Presbytery on account of this circumstance viz. the Puget Sound Presbytery as I thought to make things more comfortable overtured synod of Columbia that Alaska be attached to the Oregon Presbytery. This seemed fair enough on account of the convenience for communication with Portland being safer and cheaper than from the Sound ports. This did not satisfy the synod by any means, and my being moderator got mixed with the contention, quite innocently, not knowing there had been any feeling on the matter. The synod thereafter decided and recorded in the minutes, that the Gen'l assembly had been allotted etc. Embraced Alaska within Oregon Presbytery's boundary. I feel therefore that unless the Gen. Assembly give a special commission to aid in the formation of an Alaskan Presbytery, it would not be prudent for me to take any step towards the consumation of that movement. It may be desirable for the comfort of the brethren, who are so far off and isolated, that they should have a Presbytery of their own. But prudence dictates that I should not move in the matter at present by any means.

My church in Victoria, though heartily Presbyterian, remains independent. They cannot aid me in any synod or assembly work, though they do wish to hinder me in denominational work. I may further add that Puget Sound Presbytery is really weak in numbers, the brethren appointed to the Indian work are seldom able to take their share of church business. Macfie is infirm, Agnew cut off, Stratton is gone to Walla Walla, and others so far off, that we seldom see them at Presbytery, and it is often very inconvenient for me to attend. So, unless I am specially commissioned by General Assembly to act with the brethren in Alaska and Wrangell I do not see that I dare do anything in the matter.

We had Mr. Duncan in the city when Mr. and Mrs. Lyons were here, I got the good pioneer to preach for me on Sabbath evening and our young friends were at the service. I also took them to have a long interview with him. They were as much delighted as could be seemed to become infected with his fire of enthusiasm for mission work.

I also had the pleasure of getting Mr. Duncan to meet Mrs. McFarland and the Austin family.



He seemed to inspire them with fresh confidence.

My daughters who are quite sick, desire me to send their kind regards to your dear wife. They hope she is well.

The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian comes regularly. We value it much and send it on to England after we use it here. It is much improved this year. I will pay for a three months copy to following address: Alex Wilson, Victoria, B. C., Box, 37 as a means of getting it introduced further. I think a few copies will induce Mr. Wilson to subscribe. Allow me very cordially to thank you for the work on Alaska; because of the author and his subject be sure the book will have careful perusal by the writer, his family and friends, I remain dear brother

Yours Ever Faithfully,  
John Reid

P. S. Since your letter arrived I find the book has come, also several copies for Mr. Brady, my son has paid the custom duty on these put on fresh postage and has them ready for first mail due early in May. He sends up my copy a goodly volume which I shall prize. It is larger and better gotten up than I expected. The young people are turning over on the hunt for illustrations.

By the way no Indian curios ever came to hand for you, else you may be sure I would have forwarded them. I am sorry I have not more stamps to send of U. S. sort and our B. C. would be of no value. But I will settle all custom house dues and mark the other parcels to Alaska, as the next best thing I can do. We are pleased with your own shadow in the book. The girls say it is very like and I think it is good. Thank you very much for thinking of me, as ever

Yours,  
John Reid

Dr. Jackson:

We have just heard from Mr. Brady and he is also in favor of a Presbytery as soon as possible, thinking the good of the cause demands it. So he would sign the petition of course if he were here.

G. W. Lyons

Monument, Col.

April 25, 1886

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir and Brother:

How long time can you give me to consider the Agency business? I should like to have a week or ten days if possible, or more if convenient in which to look about to see what



arrangement I could make to dispose of my business here. Don't want to pull up in such a hurry that I would have to rent as the property is not in a good shape for this. I would not think of going to Arizona for any financial considerations as I am now doing very well and making more than I could there on a salary of \$1500 or at least fully as much; but the frequent night work and the close confinement to my office are hard on my nervous system and I sometimes fear that I am gradually breaking down never again to fully recuperate and that I must make a change soon. I should rather on many accounts go to Alaska especially for climatic considerations and if we could sell out here to a good advantage for ready money, would offer ourselves at once to go whither as talked of last winter. But unless I could get ready cash for everything would not have money enough to start up in Alaska whereas a sale to a reliable party with only a small payment down would answer if we were to go to A. on a salary. I feel that the opportunity for doing good among the Noquis would be great and varied experience as farmer (for several years) teacher, musician, merchant, druggist might give me many advantages in this respect over others of far superior abilities for these people are to be taught literally everything. I suppose were we to go there I should endeavour to get Government to put up a telegraph line from the nearest point to the Agency which would give us connection with the outside world. If you can give me a few days time to consider the matter and see what arrangements can be made. I will try to come up to Denver as soon as I hear from you and have a full conversation and consultation with you. Will only ask ask one or two questions or a few now.

1st. How would we get there?

2nd. Will Government furnish any transportation facilities?

3th. How soon would it likely be necessary to start if appointed.

4th. What sort of a house if furnished.

5th. Does Government furnish transportation for anything in way of supplies for the Agent or must we pay 5 to 10 per lb. for everything that we consume simply for transportation?

6th. Are there any mail facilities?

7th. Is the climate much drier than that of Colorado?

Brother Taylor is very anxious to have us go with him and we would of course consider his residence there as a important mitigating circumstance.

Please answer at once.

Fraternally,

A. T. Flachly

Santa Fe New Mexico

April 26, 1880

Sheldon Jackson, D.D.



Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

I write to night to my Congressman Perkins at Washington to ascertain if I can get permission to go to Washington, and if his reply is favorable and is received in time I will start about the 30th, the reply is to be by telegraph. I suppose you could start as late as the 1st prox. and still have time for the trip. But possibly you could go earlier and have a part of your work in the matter done before I get there in case I am held here too long, will advise you if I can about the time there report leaves. The enemy is desperate and I want to catch him.

Let me hear from you by letter or telegraph according to the necessities of the case, and I will do the same. In haste

Yours,

B. I. Thomas

Santa Fe, New Mexico

April 24, 1880

Sheldon Jackson,

Denver, Col.

Report not sent do not go till you hear from me.

B. I. Thomas

San Luis

Costilla Co. Col.

April 27, 1880

Rev. Dr. Wendall, Secretary

25 Centre St. New York City

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty to address you in a matter in which I have taken deep interest, ever since my arrival here on the Grant, where I represent the owners of all who reside in Holland.

A week after my coming here in Sept. 1878, there arrived also Rev. Roberts with Miss Ross who remained here, and opened a school, and with Miss Pitts, who was to open one also in Costilla, but after a few months trial, she had to abandon it, and accepted the situation in Mr. Meyer's family as a private teacher in the same place.

I have taken great interest in the welfare of the Mexicans, who live on our lands, and who have for the past three hundred years been the dupes and victims of Roman Catholicism and its villainous degraded priesthood, and I rejoiced to see the Home Mission Board take hold of them in their neglected degraded position, and on my often repeated travels between here and Santa Fe, I have had opportunities to watch and



examine the workings and doings at the home mission board. I regretted much that so little has been done among the Mexicans on our grant, who are nearest to me in my care and that Rev. W. Roberts has only three times in the year and a half been on our grant and then never preached or worked among the Mexicans or any others.

Last summer I therefore went to Del Norte and visited Rev. Mr. Darley begging and inviting him to come and see us in San Luis and to preach also to the Mexicans in English, a privilege which we have never had before and only seldom since then, as Rev. Darley has not received yet his commission from the home board. Rev. Darley brought there also with him Brother Jacobs, the agent of the American Bible and tracts, who sold in less than three days a hundred bibles and testaments, sent for the rest he had, 47 in all, and in less than a week all were sold, with the exception of a few which we given to the poor and needy.

By my request as life director of the A. B. Society, Rev. Dr. McLean, its secretary had the kindness to extend the commission of brother Jacobs, who has received several new shipments, and about three hundred and seventy-two copies were in all sold on our grant, nearly all Spanish, and over 400 copies in the adjoining Conchos county among the Mexicans. It is truly wonderful what God is doing through his Holy spirit among these Mexicans. It is God's work only not man's, for we had no one to work among these Mexicans, and Rev. Mr. Roberts assistant has not visited San Luis now, nearly for a whole year, and nothing can be done by him nor any one else, and as it is with us so you can find it in all the southern part of Colorado, among 20,000 Mexicans, all sheep without a shepherd from our standpoint.

The telegram brought us a few days ago from the Home the news that 49 students Propasanda addressed the Pope in as many different languages, and this shows how wise the home board Catholics are, to prepare the students for their work in which they are to engage, and the thought comes to my mind how much it is to be regretted that not one of the ministers employed by the home board has sufficient of the language to preach to the poor Mexicans the teachings of our master. Some may try to do it with the aid of interpreters, getting poor interpretation. But not one is sufficiently educated to accomplish what any young student in our colleges who has studied latin can learn in three months under a good Spanish teacher.

Taking all things together as I find them and anxious to see a man here capable for the work I have made inquiries where I could and learned that Rev. F. B. Phelps in Lowell Vermont, has been engaged in former younger years in the cattle business in southern California where he acquired the perfect knowledge of Spanish language, since then he has entered the ministry.

He is the cousin of Professor Phelps in Andover, and



brother-in-law to Rev. Dr. Green in Lowell both of which can give you all information about him and I beg leave to call your attention to him

I beg you to not take any thing amiss of what I have said as an outsider. I simply wish to do good among the people where at present my lot has fallen and seeing all the difficulties connected with, the total lack of proper superintendence of a grand work for our master, second perhaps to none now on this continent where people are standing at our doors begging to be taught the word of life, neglected for so many years, when you take all this into consideration I trust you will kindly excuse my speaking to the point.

I should delight to learn that you could get the Rev. Dr. Phelps to work among these Mexicans and if not him some one who is fitted for the work. I beg leave to refer you to my other friend Rev. Dr. Rankin, Fairfield, Conn. and through his brother in your building, you can find out all you want to know about me.

Again begging you to give these matters you kind earnest consideration, I remain

Yours very truly,  
F. K.

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New Missions, New York  
23 Centre st.

Dr. Rankin,  
Dear Brother:

Your brother William and his clerk and myself have been wrestling in vain with the above name. Can you tell us what it is, and then tell us about the man, and oblige

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall

P. S. Please return

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New York  
April 4, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

News from Santa Fe and Trinidad came yesterday morning. The Board met in the P. M.

We adopted your recommendations.

1. As to Annin and have just sent him his \$300 as a finality and have told him he had better announce his work as done at once, and then that no one would crowd him out the parsonage till his family were able to move safely. I did this in view of McClain's wife's absence too. The case seemed to clear for doubt and yet I am very sorry for him.

2. McClain, we commissioned him for three months at \$300. The travelling and moving expenses we will see about, but we are



not accustomed to help move men East. We send him \$200 at once and commissioned to Albuquerque. The advantage of that is that if he gets into Las Vegas before the three months are out, the people will have a taste of him and you can go down there and say to the people if you want this man you must help support him and thus have a leverage under them.

3. Thos. Thompson is commissioned, papers sent today, and \$200 advanced so that he can hurry off and meet you at Presbytery the 12th prox.

If the way be easily opened to McC. at Las Vegas let Thompson stop at and hold Albuquerque and Bernalillo till you get a better, Messilla will keep till that time unless the Indians get hold of it.

4. As to Fulton at Weatherford, Texas we do not approve of his transfer to Albuquerque. There is no reason for the change except that which took him to Texas viz. his wife's health. She will die if she remains in Texas would die just as probably if she went to New Mexico, we can't afford to encourage the change. You must look up some one else for AL unless Thompson fills the bill, if he does all right.

5. Perea, we approve of the change if it is right and it seems to us to be so. But we do not think it necessary to take any action of the Board. You fix it up with him and McC. and Thompson. But what will become of his wife's school at Correlles. But in this change I submit one query. If McC's field is to be Alb. and Bern. and his wife reside at A. would it not hold the two places a little more firmly to have P. at B? He could do the Mexican work about as well in one place as the other while he could watch and help hold things in that place. (2) A. has a congregational school. Would it not be wise to transfer Perea's school to B. and open there? Look those matters over in the light of late developments in the two places and tell me what you think.

What you say and send about the development of the W. is very inspiring, and what you say about the Indians is very saddening. I fear for Donaldson's family, the whole trouble I have no doubt is caused by bad white men. They are a pack of devils.

I suppose Stout, Schultz are for Col. Middleton goes to Nebraska, Coffran I do not hear from. We must all make a pull for men at the Assembly. We commissioned Boyd for Ashland, Oregon again and conditioned on the Idaho Presbytery taking him in a Cumberland Presbyterian minister for that. T. Lewiston calls Thompson of Olympia. McCoy is here from Snohomish looking after funds for his new College.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

Pt. Defiance, Arizona  
April 26, 1880



Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to my husband should have been answered sooner, but he has been very busy and is now sick. He has not been at all well for the last two months and last sabbath he was taken quite sick and has been in bed ever since. I do not think he is any better yet, but hope that in a few days he will be. Mr. C. kept up a little school in our own room ever since shortly after we came here until the ladies came on and opened the Gov't school. Of course it was very small just such as he could gather in, when the school opened the boys that he had been teaching went to it. The school was not large and we knew very little about it except what we could see. When your letters came telling of the change in the school we knew that Mr. Eastman knew of the change and that he had a copy of the contract, but he never mentioned it until Mr. D. showed him to see the contract. Instead of showing the one for this school he showed him the one for Noqui. Why he was so loath to speak of the matter we do not know.

Mr. Eastman is now on business. He has become quite unpopular among the Indians and you know there are white through this part of the country who do what they can to stir them up. There have been several other things that have been the means of helping things on so that matters have been rather mixed for sometime. For sometime stories have been going the rounds about the danger from the Indians. We now feel sure that it was all a plot to hinder Mr. Eastman from coming back and also to frighten as many more away as possible. The local agent went this far and turned back, gave up the agency he had his wife and three others with him. The same day the Mr. Eastman's son and the three lady teachers started away as they said for a ride and ran away to Wingate taking the only team of horses there was here and leaving only two employees in charge of the agency. We did not at all wonder they were frightened, we were all very uneasy as we did not then know out that the stories were all true. But we thought that to run away even telling an untruth to keep the rest from knowing was to say the least cowardly. The day after they left was issue day and there were about 2000 Indians in and all passed off nicely. Of course the school was left without any provision having been made for the care of the children. Mr. C. had not then been authorized to take charge, but when they left we took hold of it. We have the children boarding with us and a Mrs. Howe the wife of the farmer here is teaching. The school is very small only 8. Many of the parent were in the day after the teachers left and took their children home. We think that when they are sure that the school is going to keep up they will bring them back. All we can do now is to keep what we have together and do the best we can. Mr. C. was doing all he could to get things started when he was taken sick, until he is well we can only go on as we are, Mrs. Howe teaching and I taking care of the children at others times.



This is not easy to do in so little room. We have to cook eat and everything else in the room where Mr. T. lies sick. Our oldest little girl has been sick for several days.

I hope you will excuse the style of this letter, I felt someone ought to write you, and I have had to do it as I could catch time between nursing and cooking. I have to be up almost all night and work all day and am nervous. I hope a few days will bring us all out right again. Mr. Angel has left sometime ago, we miss him very much.

Yours Respectfully,

Mrs. A. M. Donaldson

P. S. April 29th. Mr. D. is no better this morning, I am afraid a little worse. Pray for us.

Pueblo, Laguna, N. M.

April 29, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Could you without too much trouble, get me a pass or at least a half fare ticket to go home this vacation? I am almost worn out and must rest somewhere before undertaking another year's work, and with mother seems to be the best place. Our school in the Pueblo is not so large as it was but Mr. Menant has started a school at Canon de Crij, nine miles from here just on the edge of the Acoma reservation which I expect to have charge of next year. My health is so poor this spring he did not think it wise for me to go there now as there is no house ready yet and the Indians houses there are so very poor and small, the people have promised to build a school room and two rooms for me this summer. The majority of the best of our people live there they are nearer their fields and flocks and they think it more healthful than at the Pueblo and if they have a school there, their children can go to school all the year when had they to come to town it would be only two or three months. I also hope to be able to do something for the Acomas as it is so near them and they come their a great deal. If God gives me health and his blessing upon my efforts I hope to make next year's work tell more than I have been able to do yet. I will be entirely away from the Pueblo and able to devote my entire time to the work which I have never been since I have been here.

We expect to have buckboards on this road the first of May. The railroad work this way is progressing rapidly. Have had no rain yet everything is suffering for water, but hope from present indications that we will have soon.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mary L. Perry



Ut Pleasant, Utah  
April 29, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter of 25th is at hand.

1. The young man at Uion Sem. of whom I wrote you is T. W. Day. I hope we shall get him but if you have an opportunity say a word for us.
2. I am very glad you favor the division of the synod. I remember you proposed the same plan nearly three years ago in a private conversation in Ogden. In regard to myself for the position there would be a serious obstacle in the way aside from the question of my fitness or unfitness. I fear I would not have the good will or cooperation of Prof. Coyner. You know one man when so disposed can make a deal of trouble.
3. I have not hitherto written for the R. M. P. I have used very effort to keep entirely out of the papers while pursuing this special work. In this I have differed with some of my Utah brethren. I think the results vindicate my policy.
4. Prof. Coyner has all the data concerning the winter's campaign in San Pete and has had them all along.

Mrs. M. reciprocates your kind regards and regrets that our visit to Denver last summer was during your absence. We were both disappointed that we failed to find your cabinet.

We have had communion every month this year and received members at every communion.

Yours Fraternally,  
D. J. McMillan

Lawrenceville, N. J.  
April 30, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

At the meeting at the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, the following action was taken.

Resolved: That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Dr. Sheldon Jackson, for his gift of Indian Curiosities.

A true extract.

Attest: A. Gosman,  
Sect.

It would no doubt given the Board pleasure to have added to this minute, some contribution toward the gathering of further curiosities. But the state of our funds in the present low rates of interest, imperatively demands the utmost economy.

Very Truly Yours,  
A. G.



Conejos, Conejos Co. Col.  
May, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Dear Sir:

The two Mexican elders who attended the meeting of Presbytery do not understand English, therefore did not know anything of the proceedings, except what Mr. Warley told them, and he did not inform them of any arrangements to supply these two churches of **Cenicero** and La Jara with services. They were much dissatisfied and discouraged also were planning various things themselves. Only yesterday did I know anything, then I had a letter from Miss Conway and gave all the information desired from her as well as I could, but write to ask you if it would not be well for the proper person Mod. or Sec. of Pres. to write to these churches?

Mr. Jacobs of La Jara and Mr. Strauss of this church are both Americans married to Mexican women and understand both languages so can interpret information received. The men are still absent on their ranches, but will return next month. I hope I am not meddling in the affairs of the church, it behooves me to be careful of what I write and to whom, since my letter to Miss Denny proved so seditious.

Perhaps it is well now to allude to mission affairs on San Luis. It seems as if the work done there should not be left altogether without an attempt to go on with it. If not abandoned I should suggest that a teacher be sent before Miss Ross leaves in order that she may not be alone on her arrival and that she may take counsel with Miss Ross and avail herself of her experience, become acquainted with some of the people get some articles of furniture etc. from Miss R. on reasonable terms.

There are three plazas almost in sight of San Luis one is in sight, San Pedro, San Pablo, and San Francisco probably others near. The first of these are separated by a small river. If there were two teachers in San Luis one might have a school part of the year in one of these plazas, the teachers could be together in emergencies, vacations etc. But there is no Protestant church there, no religious services, except when Mr. Jacobs is there.

Mr. Schettler feels an interest in the school in S. L. as well as all the others and visit them when in Santa Fe, Taos. He says there is more religious instruction given in S. L. school than in any other, he may be mistaken however.

There is a public school in San Luis for four or five months in winter opening in December only boys attend it now, perhaps the girls who are destitute of schooling might be gathered into the mission school or one of the teachers have them in another school, while both teachers could live together. If I had remained there I should have attempted it.

I do not know that anything I have written is worth your notice, but as you were so kind as to invite me to give my



views, I have done so.

With sincere regards and respect, I am

Yours Truly,  
Elizabeth B. Smith

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
May 1st, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Your favor with cheque enclosed received. As to going, in view of the fact that there is no special occasion for its meeting, the fact that I shall be fully occupied here in raising a building fund, and also the necessary expenses of the trip, I think it best not to go. I should very much like to meet the brethren and would enjoy the change, but think I should remain here. Mrs. Perkins expressed a wish to remain here, and I hesitate to take action in regard to the school without a little understanding. I would be glad to hear further from you in regard to the matter. I have not heard from the Board in regard to the disputed lots. Investigation of Dr. Thomas nearly through and from what I can learn the result will be favorable to him.

Yours Fraternally,  
G. W. Biggle

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
May 1, 1880

Dear Sir:

I would have been in Albuquerque before this, but money matters were in the road. I expect my pass on Tuesday or Wednesday. I received your letter this A. M. will sign the note and send it in my next letter. I will go to A. as soon as my pass comes. Have you written the Board? I want you to keep me posted in regard to Creely or other points in Col. as I am not at all certain how the A. matter will terminate. The talk now is the town will be at the river crossing below. I will write you as soon as I get there.

Yours in haste,  
J. McClain

Gene Sen. Cincinnati, O.  
May 1, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:



Your letter received this morning. I am glad that the way seems open for me to go to Colorado. I wrote to Mr. Hughes that I would be there by the 16th of May, but will rush me very much, and so will say that I will be ready to preach in Greely the 23th of May.

If you think best, I will make a desperate effort to get there by the 16th. Let me know at once what you think about it. Our term closes the 6th of May but many of my things are at home in Southern Indiana, and it may take several days to get them in order.

I suppose you will be gone to the Gen. Assembly ere I reach there. Will you inform the Greely people that I am coming. Many thanks for railroad favors. I send to the Gen. ticket agents today.

Yours in Christ's Fellowship,

J. L. Taylor

P. S. I will be here until Monday May 1st. Then at New Washington, Ind. till I start for Greely,

J. L. T.

St. Defiance, Arizona

May 3, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Friend

It is with an aching heart, that I write to tell you that Mr. Donaldson died April 30th at six o'clock, A. M. He was buried on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. He had not been well for sometime but was only confined to his bed from Sabbath evening until the next Friday morning. Our little daughter is I trust a little better today.

Yours Truly,

Mrs. A. E. Donaldson

Lane Sem. Cir. C.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I have had a long talk today with Bro. Hughes, of Greely, I am willing to undertake it. The Lord seems to have opened the way. I will write to them today saying that I will be there the last Sab. of May. Wish I could see you as I go up to Greely, but I will hope to have you visit me soon in my work.

Yours in Christ,

J. L. Taylor



Corrales, New Mexico  
April 3, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Last Saturday I went to Albuquerque. I inquired for a house and found two in the upper part of the town. The rent will be \$20 a month rather too much for us, but it is as low as can be had now. I did not make a formal contract for the house, allowing time to hear from you. I leave tomorrow for Jenes and a tour. Mr. Shields, had proposed to the Rio Puerco; Mrs. P. is unable to continue the school as the baby is sick, and she gets no sleep at night. She thinks she can not teach the school any more. How can we do? \$750 is not sufficient for our support. We have been trying to do too much. I have neglected my own work to keep up the school which appeared to be a most important part of our work. She tells me now she will try at Albuquerque until this quarterly is out.

The weather is getting quite warm. If the baby is well she thinks she can teach. It is in fact too much for her. Let me hear from you soon. We will move on my return if you write to us.

Very Fraternally Yours,

Jose Yueses Perez.

P. S. Heard nothing about the box yet.

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
May 3, 1880

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Friend:

Your note of the 28th ult. with \$5 enclosed is received. On the 29th I received your telegram and on the same day replied "Report not sent do not go till you hear from me." Mr. Townsend has been very unwell for several days and the inspection has not progressed very rapidly. He is not any better but hopes to get off his report in two or three days. And I expect to start to Washington about the same date. I am very sorry I cannot avail myself of your direct aid at Washington but letters from you to some of your strong friends there will aid me greatly if you will say to them that you know all about my case and that you would like personal help at the Department. I want to present myself there with force. I wrote Maj. Calkins, A. C. on the 26th to get permission for me to go to Washington and telegraph me a reply, but have not received it. If the reply happened to be unfavorable I shall be somewhat disconcerted and will then have to do all my work by letters and through others, in which case I shall want help from both you and Dr. Kendall. If I am permitted to go I will telegraph you when I start, and you can then send me letters and suggestions to the Abbott House, Washington, so that I



will find them there on my arrival.

I send you a "New Mexican" with a marked item in it. The investigation did not stop but has been progressing for a week without Woodside. The Inspector has yet to call on him to sign the testimony he had given and then I know not what will happen, whether anything to protract matters I do not know. If not the work may be considered nearly done I suppose. The "Ring" has been "dragging" the whole territory for testimony against me. The case stands almost exactly as it did when you were here. Most of the counts stand very decidedly in my favor, and a few incline against me as you know, but I hope to show them all in another light by a personal explanation unless I am shut out of Washington.

Thanking you very much for your kindness, I remain

Very Truly,  
W. F. Thomas

New York

May 4, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Your favor of the 29th ult was received this morning. I think, if the Hoqui Agency is again tendered to our Board for nomination, your recommendation of Mr. Blachley will be considered sufficient in view of circumstances, though the Board has always had the understanding with our people that full and fair consideration should be given to each and all of the applicants, as others are some uncommonly well recommended, names now waiting here for nomination.

But I wish to mention what is of practical moments, that when a nomination is sent in, it is our agreement with the Indian authorities at Washington that the testimonials on which it is made should be sent. These are required for the Indian committee of the Senate. And they should come from several persons including business men. They should specify four things.

1. Integrity through and through.
2. Business capacity and habits.
3. Energy.
4. The talent of governing men.

Of course it is understood that full sympathy with our benevolent work for the Indians is indispensable.

With kindest regards

Yours Very Truly,  
John C. Lowrie

Washington, D. C.  
May 5, 1880



Washington, D. C.

May 5, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Care of Dodd, Mead & Company,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a copy of your very interesting work on Alaska, sent me with the "compliments of the Author".

The book has been placed in the library of the Engineer department.

Very truly Yours,  
Wm. J. Warren.  
Chief Clerk.

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Albuquerque, N. M.

May 5, 1880

Dear Sir:

I arrived here this P.M. Find things very quiet. No lots sold in the new town yet- will not be, Judge Trimble told me till next week. I will room and board at Dr Ealys. Saw a card in the paper to-day from Mr Annin. He left for St Louis last Wednesday. Send any papers or letters to me here. Let me hear from you before you go east.

Yours in haste,  
J. Mc Clain.

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Ouray, Col.

May 5, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Friend:

I now write you to express my thankfulness, for sending us such a good minister.

We were delighted when we received the action of Presbytery to know that it was Mr Janeway who was sent here, for we had heard of him. It will take some time to get the church in a flourishing condition again, aftersuch a siege.

I feel that my prayers were answered. Mr Smith has returned and is doing every thing against the church and Mr Janeway that he dare.

He said in prayer-meeting last Wednesday evening, that he was exonerated at Presbytery, and Mr Janeway says next Wednesday evening he is going to read the minutes of Presbytery to the people, for he overheard Mr Smith saying that-"Well he choke me off to-night; I'll give him some more the next night

I suppose Mr Janeway has written to you and told you all about it, so there is no need of me writing any more about



that. We will do everything for Mr. Janeway we can, and try to encourage him for it is not a pleasant thing to fight Mr. S.

We have not heard from Mr. Beebe for sometime, I do not know whether he is at Animas City yet or not. Mr. Janeway is quite anxious to met him. We enjoyed his visit last summer so much, and I hope he will come again this summer.

I must stop writing for this time, will write soon again Give my kind regards to the rest of the family.

Yours Respectfully  
Miss Jennie Bell

Hanover, Jefferson Co. Ind  
May 6, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Although I have troubled you twice with letters since the telegram I sent you and your answering postal card, yet as the time of departure draws near, I write agin for some gurther information and instruction how to proceed.

Our financial affairs here in the home at Hanover (mother's) were in such shape that I could not get away in time for the Presbytery for this I am exceedingly sorry. I had counted on being there and regret this hinderance, I shall however be able to leave here in ten or twelve days. Then I shall go to Franklin, Ohio where my wife is visiting with her people and will be ready for Denver any day after the 19th. Put I see that you are a delegate to the Gen. Assembly, and if we start at that time we will not find you at Denver. Will you therefore please to give us instructions about the matter of going. Shall we go to Denver as soon as we get ready? Where is the best place to stop in Denver? Shall we proceed immediately to Fairplay? To whom shall I frist present myself there? I am depending on you for the half fare permit for that section of the road lying between Chicago and Omaha. I have your card for half fare which I sent to the Agent at Omaha. I find I can also get the same favor by the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. I suppose that road would give the half fare permit asfar as Santa Fe if I should ask it. Is Las Vegas still open? We have so little knowledge of the fields that our choice was almost a matter of casting lots. My wife's letters since I left home indicate some wish to see the warmer regions. Some one has furnished her copies of the "Eureka" and she has some news of that section. But we have had no newspapers from Fairplay or any Colorado points. I do not write of this to make any trouble in your appointment or to show dissatisfaction with the arrangement you have made for us. It has occured to me that possibly it is more easy to find supplies for the mountains



of Colorado than for the less famous New Mexico. As for my own case I have no predilection for Colorado. I want to do my Master's work and am as ready for one place as another. If you think best to send me to one place rather than to another, I have nothing more to say. Please let me hear from you on this subject. And make the change yourself without further word from me if you deem it best.

Your Brother in the Lord,  
J. C. Eastman

Moorisdale, Mines  
Clearfield, Co. Pa  
May 7, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter received. My wife and children are now visiting relatives in Washington City. Expect to start soon for Messilla. Have written Mrs. Wood and will leave as soon as I hear from her. I hope we may do a good work and am looking for the Spirit to guide us.

I will write you often after I have visited around Messilla and give you my impressions.

Yours Truly,  
Thomas Thompson

Albuquerque, N. M.  
May 7, 1880

My dear Sir:

I will send you the money you loaned me in a day or so. I find things a little dull here now. I was told this morning they are asking for lots in the new town from \$100 to \$500 I am going this P. M. to look after our lot. Have but little hope of getting one. Mr. Ashley is here, he told Conklin that he had heard from his Board and told him to hold on to the field. I said all right we don't object. The old man is evidently excited over my coming here. I think he and Mr. Gale are plotting against us, to keep us out of the Court House. A gentleman said to me this morning if they don't share the time with you I will see that they don't get it either. There is a carpenter shop I think I can get, if so I will let them alone, if not I will have the Court House my share of the time. What do you say about that? I don't want to do anything to bring on a quarrel but I will not be imposed upon by these men for I have a right to be here.

Yours in haste  
Josiah McClain



P. S. I have just called to see about our lot. They said we will give you your choice of lots provided the church will obigate itself to put up a building inside of six months, worth one thousand dollars. Shall I secure the lot? I think I will and run the risk.

Yours,  
J. McClain

Pittsburgh  
May 7, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed find draft for eighteen dollars, being a small amount accumulated in Home Mission box of Woman's Missionary Society, Lawrenceville, Presbyterian Church. This amount please apply to same object as you did the late donation of eighty five dollars from the S. School viz. School room at the Zuni Pueblo Mission, New Mexico.

Please acknowledge the receipt and much obliged.

Yours Fraternally,

Robt. Davis.

40 th st. 17th Ward

Ouray, Col.  
May 7, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother in Christ:

Mr. Morris has just been here and tells me that there has been a deposition been sent in to the Presbytery against Mr. Bell that he has been playing Pool and I do not know what that is. Well I will just say to you that there are men here capable swearing to anything, and you may rest assured that anything that may be said about Mr. Bell or any of those opposed to Mr. Smith is done to destroying testimony sent in against Smith. There is nothing too bad for him to do to gain his pint. He came up here one day to scare me into voting for him, he said he was going to have charge preferred against Mr. Bell, myself, our daughter, and Morris I saw the point he was trying to make and told him I had bee a member of the Presbyterian church for 27 years and I did not care, he afterwards said it could all be fixed up, meaning that if we ceased to oppose him it would be all right.

Mr. Bell's brother Joe has just come in and says that it was him that was playing Pool (the brothers like very much alike). Mr. Morris sent us a deposition and letter against Mr. Smith and I wrote to Mr. Bell also about the petition, a great many of the men are indignant about their



names being used without their knowledge. Mr. Smith carried the petition around himself.

May God grant that our prayers may be answered in regard to this matter.

Yours in Haste,

Mrs. Minnie Bell.

P. S. Mr. Bell started for Alamosa on last Monday week with a mule team for supplies.

Santa Fe, N. M.

May 8, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

An important letter sent to Pueblo for you today.

B. H. Thomas

Fort Wrangell, Alaska

May 8, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

I said in my last letter that I would try and give you a short report of our proposed missionary expedition to the Hyda Indians, if we were permitted to return in safety in time for the next steamer. The Lord has prospered us abundantly and we were permitted to make a pleasant and I trust profitable trip. We made our trip in a canoe traveling more than four hundred miles. Were gone seventeen days and visited all the Hyda towns. Some of the Indians were out at their hunting and fishing posts, but we saw most of the head men of each town and were well received by them. We held services whenever it was practical. They all seemed anxious that missionaries and teachers might be sent them and at one town the chief who entertained us said he would give the use of his house for a church until another building could be furnished if a missionary would be sent. They want help also in their efforts toward civilization. They are anxious to have a saw mill among them. One chief said they did not want any one to bring a saw mill and give them lumber they would pay for it. He also made this remark, as long as they lived in their old Indian houses so many of them together and their children were brought up thus they would not be any better, but if they had the help they wanted they were ready to pull down their old houses and build Boston houses. It is my opinion that he struck the nail fair on the head. There are six or seven towns of them in all and we mentioned the plan of their giving up their old towns and forming one new one, and the proposition seemed to meet with favor.



There were not so many of these Indians as we expected to find. They say they have died off on account of their own bad doings. If they were collected in one town though there would I think be seven or eight hundred to thus unite. Everybody that knows anything of this tribe, speaks of them as being the most intelligent and honest Indians on the coasts. I think if a mission could be established and some good christian could put up a saw mill and have a trading post he would do a good business for only for himself but for the Indians and thus great good be accomplished. We had good weather most of the time during our voyage and although some of it was a little rough upon the whole I enjoyed "roughing it" We are expecting the California every minute and are anxious to get to Sitka. The missionaries here seem to be enjoying themselves and the work of the Lord seems to be prospering.

Yours truly in Christ,  
G. W. Lyon

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
May 9, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

As Dr. B. M. Thomas is sick and unable to communicate with you at his request I write asking your prompt and immediate action in his behalf with the Indian Department at Washington, the Inspector for the Indian Department has completed his investigation and mailed his report to day. Dr. Thomas wishes you to telegraph Dr. Henry Kendall, Box No. 3863 N. Y. City a half fare rate, asking him to go to Washington immediately in Dr. T's. behalf, Mrs. Thomas will be in Washington the 13th inst and stop at the Ebit House, she will have full and complete instructions from here which will enable Dr. Kendall to fully comprehend the situation. Now Mr. Jackson if you have any other friends in Washington or elsewhere through whom you can bring a direct influence on the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, I beg of you to do it promptly. What ever mistakes Dr. Thomas may have fallen into are errors of the head and not of the heart, every well meaning man in this country knows it is only the sore heads that are making the trouble. Whatever you do must be done promptly.

Dr. Thomas was taken ill the first of this week and has been in bed ever since.

Hoping you will give this your personal and immediate attention, I am

Very Respectfully,  
J. J. Hinds



Dear Friend:

Nothing new was developed but we must strike hard at Washington, I must win. I telegraph Mrs. Thomas today to start to Washington so as to be there on the 13th inst. See that Dr. Kendall goes to Washington. Address Mrs. Thomas at the Ebbitt House. I am quite sick.

Yours,

E. M. Thomas.

P. S. They refused to let me go to Washington

Washington, D. C.  
May 10, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I hope you will pardon my tardiness in acknowledging with many thanks the receipt of a copy of your book on Alaska. My only excuse is that I have been exceedingly pressed with business. I appreciate and thank you for the kindness. You do me honor over much in naming me among those to whom you are indebted for aid in its production. I am much interested in Alaska and I shall read your book with pleasure and I am sure also with profit.

We are all well and my wife joins me in kindest regards to you and yours.

Sincerely your friend,  
J. L. French.

Albuquerque, N. M.  
May 10, 1880

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$50 Many thanks for the use of the money. I sent in your application this morning will know in two or three days what they will do. They will give us one lot I know, but I don't know about more. Will you make application to the Board of Church Fraction at once, for at least \$1000 or more if you think you can get it, and we will begin the work at once. My idea is we will put up the walls enclose it and then finish it as we get the means. At present we can do but little with the people in the way of raising means. Mr. Conklin thinks in the course of three months will be the time to start the subscription. Perhaps we can do something before that, but not just now. Hence I thought if we could get aid from the Board we would begin at once. What do you say to this? Let me know at once, it will be a great help to us here if we can show the people we have help from abroad. Have you seen the Las Vegas papers. I haven't heard from there as yet. No work done in the new town yet. A few lots sold but they are holding them very high.



Please let me know at once what you think of our plans,  
and what the Board can do for us.

Yours in haste,  
Josiah McClain

Las Vegas, N. M.  
May 10, 1880

S. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your favor came duly to hand and we gave Bro. Mc. a call have not heard from him yet. Our Methodist brethren are terribly indignant at Bro. A. dismissal. Their paper the Gazette gave you a terrible racking. They have petitioned the Board to reinstate him. It was gotten up by Mr. Koogler of the Gazette whose wife is one of their leading members. It was carried around by Fleeman whom you met a Southern Methodist and the first name on it was a Roman Catholic, and you may be sure no friend of ours or Mr. A. either. The fact is his leaving is a fearful blow to them. Our members are well pleased. I was very sorry to hear the decision in regard to Bro. Fulton, I heard from him today, he said he was writing you. They are all sick and in hopes of getting out of Texas. Can he have the place if he gets there. I felt a deep interest in him knowing his sterling worth. Anything you can do for him will be thankfully received by him and ourselves. Will you let me know if anything new transpires before Bro. Mc. gets here.

Yours Fraternally,  
B. B. Borden

Albuquerque, N. M.  
May 11, 1880

Dear Brother:

I received a letter from Mr. Borden yesterday asking me to come to Las Vegas at once. I hardly knew what to say to him, however I decided to go Saturday, as I can't do very much here for the present, I can finish up the work here by that time, I can get through my visiting by that time. There is but little else to do here, till we secure our building place. If necessary I can come back and look up the work till Mr. Thompson arrives.

Yours in haste,  
J. McC.

Corralas, N. M.  
May 11, 1880



Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

When I went to Albuquerque last to see about a house I made diligent inquiry about any children that I might possibly get for our school and found none. We could not live on my salary there. In Bernalillo the Brothers have a very good school and they keep up the public school the whole year. I do not think we could establish a school there. Here in Corrales we have nine girls and four boys who are quite regular. The girls are so much under our entire control that we are teaching the Child's Catechism to three of those who can read. Their parents have expressed great confidence in us and told us to teach them all we may wish.

We open the school with prayers and reading of the Bible. We sing hymns and the children have learned some of them by heart. My evangelical work has progressed here. Some of the friends who encouraged me to come have turned the cold shoulder to me lately; but others have become interested in our work. I count nine families with whom I can speak freely on the subject of religion and on whom I am pressing the matter daily. I cannot get them together to preach to them; but they tell me to go to their homes.

The reason is they are too scattered. Two men have expressed a desire to join our church; but they are not fit. One drinks, and the other sells goods on the Sabbath. They have not given it up but I am in hopes of them and of others.

In regard to the Mexican work, I do not see what advantage can be gained by moving either to Albuquerque or Bernalillo. Last Saturday we received four more members at the Hot Springs, Jemez. We have there 28 members now.

Dr Shields thinks that permanent preaching and a diligent prosecution of the work should be secured there now. The wonderful work there ministered to us joy and encouragement. We all feel that we ought to feed the new born lamb, if you and the Board should deem to establish it there permanently. I would though it is a hard place for provisions go but the place requires a school, teacher and a house with a school room. I do not think it would be long before a preacher could be self supporting. I fear that whatever I might accomplish at any place may be lost by the removal. You might ponder the subject well with Dr. Shields and the Board so I could be located where the best advantages and earliest results may be obtained. Corrales was my choice as a better centre, I did not expect to accomplish much soon. What I have gained here is far beyond my expectation. Over 30 persons hear me with interest in their own homes.

Your Brother in Christ,

Jose Yves Berea



St Louis, Mo.  
May 11, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

In a letter Bro. Roberts which I have brought with me he says, "Please find \$500, three for Ocate and two for Taos for the Gen. Assembly which please forward". I forward herewith, please dispose of accordingly. Hope you may have a good time at the Assembly.

Very Truly Yours,  
J. A. Annin

Ft. Wragel , Alaska  
May 12, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

I did not receive a letter from you this mail, neither did I receive a copy of your book as several others did this mail. I would not have spoken about it had you not written me sometime ago about sending me one, so I feared it might have been lost. I must say that I never saw such awful pictures in all my life as some of these are. Mine that is taken alone for instance, it does not look any more like me than it looks like an old ShuStaks and I do not think hardly as much. Mr. Young and Mr. Brady's both look quite well.

But my especial object in writing at this time is to send you the letter I wrote to Mr. Banning at your request long ago. You remember he sent me some money and said they wanted to support a girl in the home, as I had just taken a nice little girl into the Home. I afterwards named her Grace Banning. For some reason the letter I wrote was sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington and returned to me. I now send it to you and if you see fit you can send it to him. I presume he has thought strange that I did not write to him and they have perhaps abandoned the idea of supporting a girl. If so I would like to know it, so I might give this child to another society. The Home building is getting along nicely now, the paper and muslin came this steamer. We have the chimnies up and now the man has commenced white washing the out side of the building. We are trying to make a garden but find it hard to do so and live down here. Then the expense is going to be so much more than any of us thought of. The ground that is intended for the garden permanently has not been cleared and it will cost \$100 to clear it and get it ready. The garden we are making now is on the cleared ground by the church. I saw we could not get the other prepared in time. I hope we will have money enough sent to finish up everything, but I doubt it.

Love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.



Yours sincerely,  
A. R. McFarland

Santa Fe, N. M.  
May 12, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

We have been working up the matter of building and the feeling seems to be that if the Board of Church Extension will do as I am told here they proposed to do some two years ago give us \$1000 on the condition that we raise the same amount, it will be better for us to build rather than repairs. Their offer also included the lot to be donated by the Ladies Board, and valued at \$250 which amount was to be included in the \$1000 to be raised here. It will take between \$500 and \$600 to make the necessary repairs, and we can more easily raise \$750 for a new building than \$500 for repairs. As you will see Dr. Wilson and the Secretaries of the Home Board at the Assembly it occurred to me that you could arrange the matter for us, or at least open the way for an arrangement, better than I can do from here, as the Secretaries will be there and probably be very busy in the meantime, so that nothing definite could be done until after the close of the Assembly. You can therefore do it sooner and better than I can. As you see it involves the donation of the lot as well as the grant by the Board of Church Extension. By getting the Secretaries together you can do in a few minutes what it would require some weeks for me to do. Please drop me a postal card on the receipt of this, that I may know whether or not to depend on you. Our committee are sanguine as to raising the proposed amount here. I think we can do something too in the way you suggested by an appeal through the Rocky Mountain Presbyterians. We must do the best possible, in view of the fact that both the Episcopalians and Methodists are putting forth every effort. As the oldest church here we ought to have the best building. I had a postal card this morning from Bro. McClain. He writes that it is dull at A. just now and I was told by a railroad man that it was doubtful as to whether there would be any growth there or not. Dr. Kendall wishes him to go to Las Vegas and he is also invited by the people to preach there next Sabbath, which he will do. Please let me know as early as possible the result of conference with Secretaries.

Most Truly & Fraternaly,  
G. W. Riggle



23 Centre st. New York  
May 13, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

The enclosed is respectfully to you please read and hold till we meet. I have written to Phelps and Dr. Green whom I know.

2. Miss Foss you must see she is not certain that she ought to continue at San Luis.
3. Poor Mrs. Donaldson! letter from her today, what shall we do?
4. We appointed Fulton for Albuquerque, Thompson for Mesilla
5. McClain says you promised to locate him in Col.
6. I have so much to talk about but have not time now.
7. Dr. Duffin died very suddenly yesterday.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

P. S. I can't get to Washington. We appointed Placey to the Chilcats.

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New York, N. Y.  
May 14, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 27th ult came when we were in the confusion of moving and was laid over. The first edition of Alaska is exhausted and the second is printing. We will be glad to send a supply to Madison will allow 40% commission to bookseller or agent. Will send so that the package will reach M. 20th. Your extra bound copies were mailed on the 10th inst. Our press notices are not prepared owing to the confusion but we can send you some shortly. Our orders for the book come in steadily and seems to indicate that it will sell to considerable extent before it settles down as an old book.

Truly Yours,  
Dodd Mead & Co.

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Idaho Spring, Col.  
May 15, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Mrs. McCoy wrote you of the result of our canvass. The committee you appointed proved rather shaky. Mr. Benedict is an Episcopal, Mrs. Benedict did not like to take any active part for fear of offending the Methodists. Mr. Hutchinson said you did a mean thing to take the house from Mr. White when you were here, and that you had no right to send a minister here to turn out the Methodists.



and of course Mrs. H. sympathizes with him. Mrs. McCoy said said we had better let the matter drop and give the Methodists the use of the house. I said nothing but let the subject rest as long as I thought we could, and give you time to act, knowing Mr Whites unpopularity would lessen the opposition.

I called on Mrs McCoy at the outset. She finding I meant to put the thing through volunteered to accompany me.

As we met with better success at first than we anticipated, she grew enthusiastic and evidently wanted to take charge of the matter; write you &c. I was very glad to have her do this and relieve me. The figures she gave you I think are good as there are some we could not well see at the time who will give and make up for those who are "bad pay".

The trouble about the House, is already being agitated Mrs McCoy has given them to understand that we are to have a minister but half the time and that they can have the building or church the balance of the time.

They asked me. I told them we <sup>had</sup> no authority in reference to the matter; that if you sent a minister, you would send further orders. Now what I have to ask, is, cannot you arrange it so we can have preaching all the time for the first two months at least. That will settle the vexed matter and settle it in a manner that they together with those who do not belong to either church cannot say, "How mean, how unchristian!"

If they get the use of it half the time it will just <sup>suit</sup> them for that will give them an opportunity to ply their mean trick till our minister is vanquished and they can get a house built of their own.

There never has been a better opening here than at present. With the right kind of man and things managed right at the outset I do not see why he should not succeed. But I beg of you not to send a man in such a way as to mix us up with the other society. It can result in nothing but a failure, and the cause will not even hold the ground it does at present. In my estimation it would far better to rent the church and be without preaching altogether than do that.

I write you privately about the matter so that you may understand how things are, and should you send a man be able to arrange things upon a basis that will insure success.

Most respectfully yours,  
Mary J. Fisher

Department of the Interior.  
Washington, D. C.  
May 17, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Yours of the 11th at hand. I have always had a good opinion of Dr Thomas, and I hope he may be able to brush away the charges which from time to time have been



urged against him. I have not heard anything definite about the rent matter. If he charged the Government \$500 for rent and paid \$300, I should regard that as a serious affair. I see no way for him to appropriate \$200 to his own use except by charging it on a regular voucher, if he did this he did wrong. I prefer to believe that he did not, and that he has a good reason to assign for retaining \$200. You can depend upon this he will have a fair hearing and no injustice will be done. This, I understand is all his friends ask, he nor they could expect no more nor be satisfied with less. I earnestly hope he will stand the test and continue in the good work for years to come. I have talked about Alaska where ever I thought it would do good. I hope something will be done favorable to education by this Congress, but I do not expect it.

Truly,

A. Bell, Chief Clerk.

Morrisdale, Mines  
Clearfield Co. Pa.  
May 18, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

I expected my family would be through with their visit at Washington and we would be ready to start this week for our work at Messilla, but just received word that my daughter is now sick with the measles, and we will be detained a week or so yet. I regret this much for our household goods are now packed and we have no place to remain while they are sick except among our kindred. I will leave for Washington soon and remain until she recovers. I hope my little boy will not take them for should he we might be detained sometime yet. I wrote to Mrs. Wood at Messilla about Board etc. I think I shall board with her until I have looked the field over say about fifty or a hundred miles around and see the point where it will be best to go to housekeeping, will however as suggest try Messilla and vicinity this year.

I hope you will have a profitable meeting at the Assembly and the spirit of the Lord be with you and in all your counsels so that the Glory of the Lord may be seen in the extension of his kingdom.

Your brother in the Gospel,  
Thomas Thompson



House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.  
May 18, 1880

Gov. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 11th is just at hand, and I will write with pleasure to the Indian Commissioner in relation to the Pueblo matter. As I am in a fight with him I do not know that my application will have any effect. At the same time it can be easily made. I will also watch the Alaska matter, as you indicate.

With best wishes.

Yours Truly,  
J. A. Anderson

Port Townsend, Washington, Ter.  
May 18, 1880

My Dear Sir:

I came over here from Portland with our mutual friend Mr Marcus Baker of the Coast Survey, who informed me you have recently published a work on Alaska.

Please send me a copy at your earliest convenience, and let me know the cost price and I will remit at once.

Will the reports made by Dr Lindsley, yourself and other who visited Alaska, last summer be published by your Mission-Board or by Congress? I am exceedingly anxious to get hold of them. If they will not appear in print before the meeting of Congress in next December and if you will supply me with a copy of your's, I will incorporate it in another report I am preparing upon the Territory.

I am satisfied at having no legislation this session; delay is better than defeat, or even the passage of an incomplete bill.

I hope to be in Washington next winter and take a hand in the fight.

Let me hear from you when the spirit moves you.

Yours very truly,  
Col. Gouveneur Morris.

Monument, Col.  
May 20, 1880

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Dear Brother:

I should deem an apology necessary for the quality and quantity of the lunch handed on the train at Monument if a word of explanation were not sufficient to make it plain. There was no time to tie the bundles up - no time to ask for



greater variety, and no time to cut another peice of cheese nor to put in another cracker, but without weighing I snatched the two bundles and barely got them to the train.

Now my brother while you are east you will doubtless have conference with members of the Board of Home Missions. I wish to ask you to try to have our salary for the first year fixed at \$1500, unless you really think that that is too much. You know how I was cramped and embarrassed financially for the first eighteen months here and I have scarcely recovered from the effects thereof yet. Now from what you have told me I presume that it will cost one third more to live there than here, and \$1000. is none too much here. I spoke of it in writing to the Board. I feel perfectly willing to have it reduced after the first year if it is thought too much, but I do want it emply adequate the first year.

Please ascertain too, whether my brother's expenses will be borne out here to amount of \$150.

Kind regards from wife .

I am fraternally yours,  
Charles A. Taylor.

"Illustrated Missionary News",  
London, England.  
May, 21, 1880.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I am deeply interested in your new book on Alaska; a copy of which has been kindly sent me by your New York Publisher. I propose to draw the attention of our I.M.N. readers to the work, in our June number and trust this will help forward its circulation.

May the rich blessing of the God of the whole earth rest upon the Book.

As to your note of May 1st, if you request us we can send you Electros of the three cuts you name our price for which is 8d per square inch. You can send us in exchange, electros of an Alaska House 26 of your book.

The balance for difference of measurement you may remit to me. If it won't be cheaper to post them, you might send them without wood mounts but your New York Publishers will know best.

Believe me Dear Dr. Jackson

Yours in Gospel Bonds,  
J. R. Philips

St. Defiance, A. T.  
May 21, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Friend:

Your kind letter came by last mail. In answer I



would say that I do not know how long I may be here, it is easier to get into such a place than to get out of it. I have packed my goods and will send them to the R. R. the first opportunity but that may not be for some time. If I get them off I will only have my children and a trunk to see to when I go myself. I do not know how I will get away as it would hardly be possible to go by the buck board from Wingate with all my children and I am not feeling strong enough to undertake it if I can get any other way to go, I would have to ride night and day however I may have to go that way. I know I shall get along some way I have never yet come to a stopping place, but none but God knows all the trying circumstances, but as He is the only one that can help me it is enough that he knows that all the people here are very kind to me. I can stay here quite comfortably while I need to. I thank you for your thoughtfulness but I have money that will keep me while here and carry me home if I go any time soon. The Board have sent Mr. Donaldson's \$300 which did not come until the week after he went home. If you can send me the order for half fare tickets on the road you spoke of I will be very thankful. I do not know but suppose I will have fare to pay for Mary as she is now over six years old. If you can send them soon I may possibly get a chance to go before long. If I do not I shall have to wait until fall. Our experience here has not been the most comfortable or pleasant, but Oh! it is so hard to have to give up so soon, to go back in less than a year and to go alone, is so hard! If it were not for my little ones I would not think of going at all, but I feel that my first duty is to our children and I cannot keep them here long. I think I will write to Mrs. Crane and see if I could get board there until I can get through to the R. R. That is if I can get even that far which is doubtful as the horses here are all busy that would be fit to go. If you expect to be out in this country in June I would be most glad of your company away, but I would not want you to come unless you had expected to, as I shall find some way to get along. Things are in a most dreadful mixed condition at this place and very unpleasant even for ones not connected with the Government.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours Truly,

Mrs. A. E. Donaldson

P. S. If you send permits for half fare please get them then from Albuquerque as I would rather go there as it is nearer.

Elko, Nevada

May 22, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.



Dear Brother:

I write to ask if you know of any way in which "The Duck Valley Reservation" north of this place can be placed under the care of our church, and some competent man placed in charge by Home or Foreign Board. It is for the Shoshone tribe numbering 3500 some of them are now in town but will leave for the Reservation soon. I think there are but two tribes not under some church control and this is one of them. If we could get a Presbyterian clergyman over there we would have five of our ministers in Nevada and would strike for a Presbytery of our own which we greatly need. This church came very near being gobbled up by the Methodists because the Sacrament Presbytery was so far away as to practically amount to nothing. This Reservation is a good one and will provide a splendid field for usefulness to some one. If anything can be done I should be delighted and have a man in view who could be placed in charge. One who has spent some time among them.

Let me hear from you soon.

Yours in Christ,  
A. J. Compton

Central, Col.  
May 23, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

When I last met you I was confined to my room and soon after I got out again I was called east and have just recently returned. So I have had but little to do with church matters. Mr. Schultz remained here and filled the pulpit one month and he then rather unceremoniously left. Our people say they like his ministry very much and never saw anything out of the way with him while he remained here but from all reports there must have been before he came. This church never gave him a call and it did not intend to until after the meeting of the Presbytery and see what action was taken. Our church is now vacant and I don't know if our people want a minister or not. I don't feel like taking the lead in the matter. I should have written you before but did not receive your letter till after my return home.

Yours Truly,  
Otto Sauer

Monmouth, Ill.  
May 24, 1880

Dear Brother:

Your request for testimonials is at hand.



Enclosed you will find the recommendations of our faculty Dr. Mathews is in Ohio. He will write you from there what he knows of me. I have written to the Co. Supt. of Schools under whom I taught. Will send his paper as soon as received If you think me suited for the place send me the particulars as soon as you can.

Believeing that God will direct my goings, I am

Yours truly,

J. G. Kennedy

Ouray, Colorado.  
May 24, 1886

Dear Doctor:

I reached here Saturday travelling as easily as I could. The church is not in such a bad condition as I feared both parties apparently being willing to let by-gones be by-gones and start afresh. I feel that the right man can build up a good strong church by prudent action. But I've tried my experiment and failed. From the effects of my trip in I can see what I would suffer if I had to travel right through. The railroad will not get within a 100 miles of here for sometime to come so far as I can learn. So each trip to Presbytery I will suffer. Besides the man stationed here ought to be able to make this trips into the mountains to surround ing towns, in case of need and unfortunately cannot make a fair days journey in the saddle. Mr. Darley thought that I might use a buckboard but it don't pay to drive 50 miles when you need ride only 25. I hoped that I could possibly tone up to the work by riding but hay is \$150 a ton so that I could not keep a horse. I've looked at the question at the question from all sides and think that I ought not to stay here. I'm sorry for that too. You were right in all that you said about the town. It's a pleasant place. A man in good physical condition would enjoy it and do a good work among some very pleasant people. I hope you will send a good man. I will heartily congratulate him on the field. If Fairplay or Del Norte are still vacant I would be glad to go to whichever you think needy. I think a field where I could keep a horse and wagon would do me good. I am afraid that this sound like creaking about my health but the better I feel the better work I can do. Finally, when had I better leave here? I would be willing enough to work through the summer and do all I can for the church, but if the poeple know that I am going to leave some will hold off to see who my successor will be and if I leave without their expecting it some are so touchy that I am afraid they will be set again at the church. The sooner someone comes the better but I think the church can stand being vacant for a while. They have a good prayer meeting and saturday school in spite of all



that had passed and are not nearly so badly off as they might be. I can't get at the bottom of Smith's claim for a salary, but I think it will be settled without much trouble. A good deal will be done toward the support of the right man. I wish I could stay, but I can't. Of that I am sure. I can give a first rate report of the place to anyone who proposes to come in. I hope you will find some one soon.

Harry L. Jeneway

Las Vegas, N. M.  
May 24, 1880

Rev. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your favor of the 18th and 20th both came to hand to day. I was rejoiced to hear of your success in behalf of Bro. Fulton. Mr. McClain is here and I assure you we have no notion of giving him up. We are pleased with him, he has been with us two sabbaths and he is getting quite well acquainted and is perfectly willing to stay. We have had a terrible time here, the Methodists trying to force Annin on us against the will of the entire church, they got a petition of 800 names to the Board for his return. They abused you, the Board and myself through their paper the Gazette and the way the Annin family are acting is disgraceful their abuse is hard to bear, the Methodists are making perfect tools of them. They are stripping the church of everything movable even taking up the carpet, but if they will only go we will try and recover but they have injured the church badly, how badly time only can tell. I will see to the box immediately. I hope you will recommend Mr. McClain for this place as I feel another change would injure us, we are just getting settled and in working order.

Thanking you for past favors, I remain

Yours respectfully,

B. B. Borden

P. S. Please send us the address of Miss Jessie Wood in Southern N. M.

Las Vegas, N. M.  
May 25, 1880

My Dear Brother:

I received your letter this P. M. and answered by telegraph that I would not go. There are several reasons why I should not. It would be an added expense to make the change, it would hurt our cause here, not because I am indispensable to the place but because of the opposition. The outsiders headed by the Methodists have been making war upon you and the Board and the Presbyterian church in general.



They have demanded the return of Mr. Annin and have even told me I could not succeed here. For me to leave here at this time would be to give up the field to these parties. That I would not do for the best place in the land. I am here to carry this thing through and I am already in a fair way to succeed. My congregation is increasing right along and the members are very much encouraged.

Did you receive my letter containing a check for \$50? I have had no word from Albuquerque about our church lots. Gale would not let me have the Court House, and I heard today they had closed it against him.

Yours in haste,  
Josiah McClain.

Las Vegas, N. M.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

I will not go to Silver Cliff.  
Josiah McClain

San Luis, Col.  
May 27, 1890

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

Does the Board of Home Missions sanction the work which Rev. A. M. Darley is entering upon, viz, lecturing upon our work among the Mexican people, or is he acting independly of the Board & church? The reason I ask is, the Syracuse Presbytery in Central New York contribute to my salary, and I wish to recommend his cause to them if he is acting under proper authority. He has written me from Gen'l Assembly asking for names of those interested in this work who reside in Syracuse and vicinity and I am afraid to give him such a list without consulting you.

School is doing fairly. Eighteen at S. School last Sabbath. As this is Corpus Christi day there are only six pupils present, but I average about 14 which is a little in advance of this time last year. Miss Fletcher bought a very handsome frame for the likeness you gave her, but as I can not well afford to frame mine yet I keep it in my Spanish Bible.

Shall I send my next quarterly report to Rev. J. M. Roberts for approval in case no other minister should be here or to you? I have sent them lately to Rev. A. M. Darley as he said was proper to do.

Yours most sincerely,  
Anna M. Ross

P. S. May no. of R. M. P. just received. Thanks.

A. M. R.



House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.  
May 29, 1880

My Dear Mr. Jackson:

I received your favor of the 11th. I called several times on Mr. Trowbridge before I found him. We then talked over the case of Mr. Thomas fully. I made the case as strong as possible and just in time as the report on the case was just being prepared. While of course I don't know, yet my judgement is he will not be removed but may be reprimanded but I did not stop at that, but last night prepared a statement in regard to the matter which I sent to Sec'y Schurtz as the papers in the case go into his hands today for review. I hope and trust the result will be favorable and I have no reason to think otherwise. I gave some attention to the Alaska matter but we can do nothing in that country until we can get a form of Government. The appropriation Committee has not yet reported the Sunday Civil Bill and we tried to incorporate a provision as you suggested, but there is no law or authority for it. It was useless to try to do it in the House because a point of order raised against it would vote it out. And the appropriation Committee were unanimously of the opinion that they were not authorized by law to incorporate it in the bill. However much it is to be regretted Alaska must wait.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly,

H. G. Fisher.

Franklin, Ohio  
May 29, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 29th was received yesterday evening. It is hardly worth while for me to say it contained disappointment for us. Although we had discussed the possibility of losing Las Vegas we had not been much impressed by the possibility of such a thing and now our minds that felt in a good degree settled and prepared for the sphere, are again some distance at sea. Las Vegas had enough of English work to keep us employed while making progress with the learning of Spanish and then its mineral springs gave good hope of future health, and I must say we were in no small measure anxious for that field. But still we believe there is a better hand than our own that guides our movements and we accept this result as the will of the One who does all things well. And now again as to choice between two other fields. My study before was principally between Las Vegas and Albuquerque, now it is upon Alamosa and Silver Cliff. As to latitude and altitude (as far as I can learn of the latter)



it were best for Mrs. E. at Alamosa. The character of the work being entirely Mexican, we have discussed at some length and are ready to begin to study its features and demands but it would be sometime before we could promise much service. It is certainly work that needs to be done, and promises good results. We should be willing enough to be set apart to that sort of work, if that were the only thing to be taken into view. But as I study the map I discover the long miles of Marshy Lakes extending far to the north, all the way down the San Luis valley to the Rio Grande and this fills me with visions of chills and kindred troubles from which we are endeavoring to flee. And in addition to this we have some trembling over the Indian depredations which we are hearing from that quarter. On the other hand while Silver Cliff seems higher, and is further north and is wholly an American field it has two special inducements. I find its mineral springs highly spoken of in such references as I am able to find. And there is at Rosita a much loved friend and class mate in college, whom I would find a great help in the work there. (S. P. Dale) I think I should like either one of these places better than fairplay. It is too high for us. And now in our dilemma would it be asking too much for you to let us go on to Pueblo with both these fields in view, and decide which particular one to labor in after we have learned more yet concerning them? We propose starting from here on Wednesday morning, June 2d, stopping at Spearville, Kansas over the first Sabbath of June and arrive at Pueblo on Tuesday or Wednesday following. If you desire to hasten the determination of our field you can write me at Spearville (if immediately) or at Pueblo or telegraph me here until 7 o'clock Wednesday morning. We have everything packed and ready for starting and feel that it will be best for us to be on the way before it becomes too hot and sultry for such a journey.

Let me hear from you soon. Don't be disappointed if we prefer the Silver Cliff field.

Yours in Love,  
J. C. Eastman

Poncha Springs, Col.  
May 31, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

At the meeting of the Presbytery at Col. Springs last fall, you told Mrs. Walker that you could help us to procure an organ for use in the Sabbath School and church service at reduced rates. The time seems to have come when we cannot well get along without the aid of an instrument. If write to ask for such information as you can conveniently give in the matter or to be put in communication with the makers or dealers from whom it would come, as you may think best.



We shall probably be obliged for the present to rent an organ but with the view of ultimately buying it and having the rent applied on the purchase money.

We have quite an encouraging Sabbath school here and Father Hamilton is still preaching every Sabbath. We hope soon to resuscitate and reorganize the church here and mean to find some way to build a chapel this season.

Mrs Walker had a long and serious illness, commencing immediately on our return home, and was confined to her home some three months but is very much better now, though not entirely well yet.

Truly Yours,  
Chas. E. Walker

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
May 31, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

I write you at the request of Mr. F. M. Jones applicant for the Moquis Agency and whom I recommended to you a short time ago. Mr. Jones states that he had a letter from Dr. Lowrie in which he says that the Moquis are not on the list of our church. I thought that as you were about to establish a mission out there that there must be some mistake about it, or some misunderstanding on the part of Dr. Lowrie. Will you please inform me immediately just how it is? Anything you can do to further the appointment of Mr. Jones will be done in the interest of an efficient and deserving man and will be kindly remembered by him and reciprocated in the way of furthering the interests of the proposed Mission.

Yours Fraternaly,  
G. W. Riggle

Pueblo of Laguna, N. M.  
May 31, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I received this morning from W.F. White General Ticket agent of A.T. & S.F. railroad half fare ticket from Albuquerque to Actchison, through your kindness please accept my sincere thanks. All well as usual here the Indians are preapring to build a house for me at Seana they are anxious to have a permanent school there.

Yours in Haste  
Mary L. Perry



Casa Grande, Arizona.

May, 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

There are in Arizona probably 16000 Indians, as follows: Pimas 4000, Maricopas 400, Quecharty 400, Papagoes 6000 Apaches 4000, and Mojaves 12000. The Papagoes live very much isolated near the Mexican border, in villages all the way from near the Colorado river eastward to Tuscan. They cultivate fields at times when they have rain fall during the summer, they raise cattle and ponies and are self-sustaining. Whenever short of provisions they leave their homes and seek temporary employment in Arizona and Mexico. They speak the same language as the Pimas and were formerly of the same tribe, differing but little from the Pimas in characteristics and general appearance except that the men mostly wear short hair and hats, and the women wear long dresses. Quite a number of them have been baptized by the Roman Catholic priests and the whole tribe is claimed by the Roman Catholics as a Roman Catholic community. Some years ago four Catholic sisters were employed by the Government for several years as teachers for them at San Xavier. If I am rightly informed the Government again desires to establish one or more schools amongst them. I have also learned from a trustworthy Indian that some influential Papagoes are anxious to have Protestant, American teachers and preachers, instead of Roman Catholics. Quecharty live about 35 miles south of here, are related to the Pimas, speak the same language, inter mingle and inter marry with them and at times work for them, and stay with them for months at a time. The Apaches are a more war like tribe, and are not as far advanced in civilization as the Pimas and others. Many years ago their women were far more chaste than any other class of Indians in Arizona. To the best of my knowledge they have no schools nor a missionary. I am persuaded there is not a more hopeful field of labor for christian effort and schools among the Arizona Indians than there. The Pimas mostly reside in nine large, and a number of smaller villages near the Gila, about 200 reside in Salt river valley. These Indians are farmers, and sell yearly from 2000,000 to 2500,000 pounds of wheat. Like most heathens their morals are not good, theiving, murder, and adultery are common vices amongst them. The better class desire schools for the children. The Indian children readily master writing, reading, and Arithmetic. It is hard work for them to master the English language. One difficulty in the way of civilizing this people is no doubt the scant supply of water for irrigating purposes and the unproper husbanding the amount they have. The Pimas I may say have no religion. They are a people spiritually dead, there some good characters amongst them. Since the Apaches have been on friendly terms with them it seems to me, many of the young



men are more wild than formerly.

C. H. Cook.

The above is an abstract of the facts as given me by Mr. Cook who so far as I have been able to learn is a reliable man.

Wm. Meyer

Zuni.

Mr. Ealy,	salary	\$1200 (we pay \$500)
Miss Hamaker,	"	\$500
Mrs. Ealy	"	\$500
Paid Buildings		\$231

Jemez.

Mrs. Shield	salary	\$500
Mr. Shield	"	\$1000 (we pay \$400)
Miss Shield	"	\$480 is paid by Government

Navajoe.

A. H. Donaldson not less than \$1400

Ft. Wrangell

E. Young	salary	\$1200
Mrs. McFarland	"	\$600
Mrs. Young	"	\$500
Miss Dunbar	"	\$500

Sitka.

Mr. Brady	Salary	\$1200
Miss Kellogg	"	\$500

To the General Assembly in Session at, Madison, Wis.

May 20, 1880

To the Committee of the General Assembly.

Dear Brethern:

Whereas the missionaries in this vast territory of Alaska are so far removed from any Presbytery, being 1000 miles from the nearest Presbytery, that of Puget Sound, and 1400 or 1500 miles from that of Oregon, as to render it impossible on account of the distance, expense and loss of time to attend any such meetings and enjoy their privileges.

As there are several tribes of Indians awaiting and earnestly inquiring when they can have missionaries and teachers, thus opening up good and promising fields which are



liable at any time to be occupied by the Catholics. And as there is now an organized church at Ft. Wrangell (35) members and prospects of one soon at Sitka, where there is one resident minister, besides the missionary and two ruling elders.

We most earnestly pray the Assembly to take such steps immediately as may be seen best to its members to secure as a means for organizing a Presbytery which we deem so essential to the interests of the church of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Hall Young.

G. W. Lyons

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To the General Assembly in Session at,  
Madison, Wis.

May 20, 1880

To the Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in session at Madison, Wis. May 20, 1880

Whereas in the Providence of God the southeastern portion of Alaska has been opened up to missionary effort and the Board of Home Missions has established three missions stations and are arranging for others.

And whereas the general Government is proposing to co-operate with the Board of Home Missions in the establishment of schools in that section, which will increase the number of ministers and teachers.

And whereas the oversight and care of a Presbytery are very important in the beginning of mission movements as well as after they have gained strength.

And whereas the nearest Presbytery is one thousand miles away, and attendance upon its courts would consume a month of time and \$50 in money.

And whereas a Presbytery so distant and without any knowledge or experience of a work entirely different from that in which the Presbytery is engaged can not wisely and intelligently legislate and direct the work in Alaska. Therefore the undersigned would unite with Messrs. Young, and Lyons in asking that the General Assembly do hereby constitute the Presbytery of Alaska to consist of Rev. John G. Brady, Rev. S. H. Young, Rev. H. I. Hlaney, and Rev. John Reid together with the churches at Ft. Wrangel and Sitka.

Sheldon Jackson.

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141 Main St. Memphis, Tenn.

June 1, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

Yours received yesterday, and today I rode nine miles through the rain mule-back to attend the meeting



of Presbytery and have my case disposed of. Well! its all right! Presbytery want me to stay and take charge of a field here, but leaves the matter wholly to my decision. If I choose to go they say they will grant me a dismissal to you at the first regular meeting. I stated precisely all the communication between you and myself and the unanimous opinion was expressed that it was probably a call of God to undertake your work. I am truly thankful that it has happened so, for really I anticipated some opposition in sectional grounds, but there was nothing of the kind. On the contrary the heartiest sympathy and good feeling was manifested toward the northern church and yourself in particular. Some of the members expressed a special interest in your operations west and seemed to be thoroughly posted. Since I wrote last I had a call from the church in Waxahatchee, Texas but my heart is with you and your work. God grant that I have made no mistake and that I shall prove usefule in the work. As to a special field I am willing to let that rest, until I have talked the matter over with you. I want to go where I can work to the best advantage and do most good. On some accounts I should prefer to remain in Col. or Utah. I shall start next Tuesday the 9th inst so to be in Denver the 15th as you requested. Have not received the R. R. cards you mentioned. The fare by river and rail is \$45 by all rail \$47.50. My wife will stop at Kansas City and go to her sister at Olathe, Kan. She will remain with her sister until I can have her with me and I suppose her sister will remove to Colorado and make her home at Evans, so that I shall feel sure that my wife is comfortably fixed, however I may be situated.

Hope the cards the reach me this week as you may indicate a different route from the one I should take. Shall start Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock without fail, D. V.

Yours in Christ,

Chas. M. Shepherd.

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
June 2, 1880

Dear Sir:

My father came for me and we are now this far on our way home, we expect to go on in the morning. I did not get your last letter until since I left Ft. Defiance and I had sold everything. I would have been glad to have done as you proposed. My address for the present will be.

Dundas, Rice Co., Minn.

Yours,

Mrs. A. H. Donaldson



Santa Fe, N. M.  
June 2, 1860

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:

I addressed a letter to you at Madison, on Monday, not thinking at the time of the General Assembly's adjourning so soon. I write again as that letter may not reach you. Mr. N. M. Jones, applicant for the Moquis Agency whom I recommended to you a few days ago had a letter from Dr. Lowrie in which he stated that the Moquis are not on the list of our church. I thought there might be some mistake about Dr. L's part as you are about to establish a mission there. Will you please inform me how it is? and who if anyone has power to make recommendations to the Department at Washington? Anything you can do for Mr. Jones will be worthily bestowed and kindly reciprocated in the way of furthering the proposed mission, by him if he should get the appointment.

Mrs. Donaldson and children accompanied by her father came in last night on the buckboard from Ft. Defiance. They will go east in the morning unless longer detained to get passes. The trip is trying on her as she is not in good health.

I have been trying to get your order for pottery filled, but have had some difficulty. I cannot find any views of Zuni here, but have selected some of the Moquis villages and of Taos. I have been trying to find out the cost of transportation to Wilkbarre, but so far have not succeeded. The R. R. men here can only give the rate to Kansas City. If you have any further instructions to give in regard to the matter please let me know.

Yours,  
G. W. Riggle

Fort Wrangel, Alaska  
June 3, 1860

Mr. Jackson,  
Sir:

I am very thankful for those two books, the black dress, and the suit of clothes for Billy, that you sent to me, likewise your picture. Oh! I was so happy when I received them! I thank God for your kindness to me for through him all those things come. I received a letter from a (Mrs) Annie C. Prouffit of Hackettstown, New Jersey, telling me that she had sent a box according to your directions for which I am very thankful. We are all well and happy. We feel sorry that Dr. Corlies and his wife are going up the Taccoo river to preach and there will remain all summer, we will feel lonesome without them. I would like to have Mrs. Jack



son's picture if you please.

Sarah William and I join in regards to you and Mrs. Jackson, I remain

Your true friend in Jesus Christ,  
Sarah Dickinson.

P. S. My husband wishes to be remembered also.

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Missouri Valley, Iowa.  
June 3, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Yours from Madison received, I wondered why I had not heard before. Wish I had gotten it sooner as I am not at liberty just now to go and I do not know certainly how it may be. With communicate with you at Denver if I can. Not hearing from you I have made particular arrangements here and do not know what the result may be.

Yours in Christ,  
Jas. M. Smith.

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Animas City, Colorado.  
June 3, 1880

Mr. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

It is so long since I have heard anything from you or your whereabouts that I write. My people often ask, "have you heard from Dr. Jackson?"

I preached last Sabbath at Parrott City. It is full of people; I started a S. School also. Every other Sab. go up the valley in the stage also to Parrott by the stage have no horse yet. Still expect to take a visit east. Will go the last of this month or the first of next. There has been a tremendous rush to Rice but things are temporarily at a stand still for the present. Now if you would sometime drop a note into the R. M. Pres. to the effect that a second hand communion set would be an acceptable donation to our church. I would be greatful. Then to if you can it would please us to learn when you intend coming to see us or if at all this season? Things have not grown any here since your visit. There will not be much growth till it is know where the new R. R. town of Durangs is to be built. A great deal of through travel and business however. We may possibly have to move the church in case of a new town down at the R. R. coal site.

I have got the promise of lots. Please drop just a note.

Yours in Jesus,  
Wm. Beebe



Ouray, Col.  
June 4, 1880

Dear Doctor:

My letter of yesterday to Mr Kerr will let you know the state of affairs here. The more I think of it, the more I feel that Presbytery ought to take some decided action in the case of Smith and that as soon as possible. I hope that we will never have such another case to deal with in the Presbytery of Colorado, but prompt action will be the best in the long. Of course I am unable to hear his side of the story to any great extent but it is mainly composed of counter charges against his enemies, and he showed himself to be such an unconscionable liar that I can place no reliance in them whatever. He appears to have been cherishing this scheme of ruling or running the church for a year or 18 months. He has treated some of the best people who were in the church outrageously. He has kept other Presbyterians out all together, but I suppose you know all this already I only repeat it to say that the Presbytery ought to do something more than it has done. Col. Blythe claims that he has left the church and will have nothing to do with it at present. He seems more ready to help us since I freed my mind to him about Smith. Mrs. Munn was driven out of the church by Smith's tongue but I think she will be glad to come back. But I don't think they will come back and he will make trouble and it will be hard work to make much progress in the church until the Presbytery in plain words shows that it is not responsible for Smith and shows what it thinks him to be. I suppose that there may be appeal for mercy on him but a man who, will break his word and lie as he did last Wednesday night in my opinion deserves no mercy till he repents. He said that his accusers were vanquished at Presbytery and would suffer for it. In justice to them and for the sake of truth I mean to make known the finding of Presbytery and so send the lie home to him. But with his face of brass I am afraid it will not do much good. He has a lot of women on his side with whom he seems to be able to do anything. Presbytery must speak again it seems to me. I still feel that I ought to leave for the reasons I gave before, though I wish it was possible for me to stay. However I must submit to God's will.

Harry L. Janeway.

Santa Fe, N. M.  
June 5, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My Dear Friend:

Your very kind letter of the 13th ult<sup>o</sup>, from Pueblo was received with great pleasure and I thank you



very much for your kindness. I sent Mrs. T. from La Porte to Washington and she with strong support tried for two weeks to have the com. read the Inspections report, and failing at last went back to Ind. and resumed her visiting. I have no idea what will be done with the case, but it will be necessary to watch it as well as possible for a while. I have heard that the enemy is still active but am not sure he is, probably he is.

I was quite sick for two weeks, but am well again. Rumors of a general Navajo--Ute--Apache war.

Mrs Donaldson's father took her home this week. Santa Fe has a good many strangers.

With best regards.

E. M. Thomas.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska

June 7, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Yours of April 27th was received yesterday. I fear my book has been lost in the mail. Did you send one to Miss Dunbar? Only Mr. Young and Mrs. Dickinson received theirs. Neither did I get any R. M. Pres. this mail. Enclosed you will find \$1.00 in greenback and \$1.50 in P. O. stamps, Mr. Chapman send it and wants you to send him a copy of your book. The other dollar to pay a years subscription to the R. M. Pres. He wants both sent to Fort Wrangel, direct to J. C. Chapman. I think you say too much about me in your book. The picture did not distress me as much as it did my friends, but if you get out a second edition I think we can improve on it. Your book has already had a large circulation, I hear of it from all quarters, and no doubt it will do much good. I presume you received the picture I sent you, how do you like it? I hope to get Mrs. Jackson's and the children before long. I am very sorry to hear they have been sick so much, but hope now as spring has come they will all be better. Are you keeping house in Denver? I feel so sorry about the box of clothing that is coming for Mrs. Dickinson, I told you when you were here to be sure and have it sent to me, so I could use my judgement about how much it would be best to give Mrs. Dickinson at once, but by this mail the ladies have written her a letter telling her the box was on the way directed to her in my care. They also sent her a list of its contents, it is a splendid box I wish some person would send me such a box. Last months mail Mrs. Dickinson's money came from the Board. She has spent a large part of it already, and now this box coming. There is not one among the missionaries so well provided for as they are. The trouble is just this Mrs. D. has no judge



ment about taking care of anything, or saving anything until it is needed, but I can do nothing about it now. The workmen are now papering and painting the Home, but the carpenter work is not done yet. Mr. Young will write you the particular about the work. I am glad that Mr. Young has at last gotten his eyes open about the Lindsleyites he has entirely turned over to our side. Mr. Vanderbilts address is Fort Wrangel, Mrs. V. has been with me for a month, she has now gone to Sitka to join her husband, she is going on a trip with him on his boat and will then return here. Miss Dunbar went to Sitka for a little trip, will return on the steamer. I was rejoiced to hear that you had organized a church at Albuquerque. What a change has come over that whole country.

When the R.R. gets down through and connects with the Road in Arizona, I would like to take a trip down through California- out to Arizona- through New Mexico- to Santa Fee- and from there East. To me it would be a very interesting trip, but I am afraid I will never have money enough for that.

I forgot to say in the right place, that I told Mrs Dickinson when I gave her the things that came in the Washington box that you sent eh. Dr. Kendall has written to Mr. Young that the Board have appointed a man for Chilcat. How I wish he would come right on, The Roman Catholics will be there before long. There has been a bishop here for the last month holding meetings every day and they have gathered in quite a number, most of them Hydahs. I fear we will lose the Hydah tribe because the Roman Catholics will get in first. If we had a man to send now they are anxious for us to come, but of course who ever goes first secures them. We heard yesterday that the Bishop was trying to get a crew of Indians to take him to Chilcat country.

This steamer Capt. Wilkinson wrote to Mr. Young that he had gotten orders from Washington not to take any Indians from Alaska. It is a terrible disappointment for our boys, indeed to all. The people had made such an effort to get their children ready, then Mr. and Mrs. Young are so disappointed, they were going to take the Indians down.

Now I must stop. Much love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls

Sincerely Yours,

A. E. McFarland

Sitka, Alaska

June 7, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of April 27th came to hand this morning. By last mail I received two copies of your work, one from yourself and the other from a friend. Please accept my thanks for the favor. I have been so busy this last month that I have not given the work a careful reading. I looked to see what



became of Dr. L. he reminded me of the fable of the gnat on the bull's horn. By next mail I shall give you the result of my reading.

On the 20th of last month a party of twenty miners in two canoes and two boats with complete outfits started for Chilcat to cross to the head-waters of the Yukon. By their request a sailing launch from the Jamestown with officers and crew accompanied them. They had interpreters and letters from Com. Beardlee. They were to explain to the natives that the miners were not going to engage in the fur trade but wanted to find gold, and to warn them not to molest them in their endeavors. The launch returned Sat. afternoon. The Chilcats were pleased to see the miners and agreed to carry over the goods and do all that they could to help them. The miners promised the Indians that they could also take up mining claims.

There is abundance of snow still and the weather is chilly. Other mining parties went out in all directions.

On the 22nd the schooner R.B. Handy from San F. arrived with a large cargo for L. Caplan a Jew here, and 20 tons for Klawac. She would call at the latter place returning. She has engaged enough freight to pay her to return here in 40 days. This is cutting into the California which is well. Thorn and Nicols have been discharged for making a false affidavit. The purser will certainly go soon. He has run matters well for Mr. Hughes. The Handy had her return freight from Klawac. The U. S. schooner Yukon left San F. May 13th and arrived here on the 28th. Mr. Bean the fish commissioner is on her. He is an active and efficient collector and appear to be well pleased with the country. He is finding some rare specimen of fish, mosses etc. On the 31st of May the Favorite from Portland arrived here. She is a steam tug fitted up for trading with the Indians. Vanderbilt has organized a company in Portland called the Northwest Trading Co. They have hired DeGroff one of the young men who came up with the Austin family to locate at Kootznoo, Admiralty I. He is to buy oil and furs for the Co.. They are to pay him by the and find him. He is a noble christian young man, belongs to Dutch Reformed at 29th st, & 5th Ave. He will teach in spare hours and will hold a sunday service. They want another man for Chilcat, and may take Styles the other young man, he is equal to DeGroff. The N. W. Co. intend to make this place headquarters and will go as far west as Cooks Inlet. They will visit each place once or twice a month. She has a revenue officer on board to look after smugglers. The Fort Simpson Indians left Chilcat thre days before they arrived. They had traded off 15 bales of blankets, guns, etc for furs. They have been doing this sort of business for several years.

Mr. Baker came by last boat, and Mr. Dall and his wife by this. The schooner will remain here a week or ten days. Mr. Pils, the Supt. of the mine went below by last steamer



He is here now and rumors say he is going below. He is discharged but has other interests here in different ledges. They have hired an expert by the name of J. C. Fauls to examine the mine. He is to receive \$5000 for his report. One hardly knows what to believe in regard to the reports of experts. Mr. Lyons and his wife have been boarding with Mr. Austin's. He has been fixing up his rooms and try to fix matters for living. I like him and his wife very well but have not had much conversation with him. Mr. Young asked him to stay over and make that trip with him but he did not think that he would be presented with a bill of \$35, for his part of the expenses. He doubts whether the trip accomplished much good. He told me that one chief said that they wanted lumber to build houses; they did not want it given to them, but they would pay for it, another said that so many living in one house threw the boys and girls together too much. This is important testimony considering that it comes from the Indians themselves. Two years ago I saw the evil and tried in my letter to Dr. L. to tell him of it. A saw mill is essential. An Indian can pay for his lumber and material in saw logs. There will always be a market for a good lot in San F. sent down by schooner. We will pay attention to the location of a claim of 160 acres of land for the Industrial school. I will see that you are named for one of the trustees. The land just beyond the Indian town would be desirable site. The mountain side close by is covered with fine timber and I am of the belief that a good water power could be made at little expense. Mr. and Mrs. Young are disappointed is not getting to take those children below to Wilkinson's school. I can hardly imagine why he favored the project. They expected to have their fares paid both ways. Miss Dunbar has come here on this boat and will return on it. She is well and appears cheerful. Mr. Lyon is sick feeling as though he were at sea, he is too delicate for rough work. But little has been accomplished as yet. Miss A. is an enthusiastic teacher and the children all like her. The Board should have the school furnished with good apparatus. there are benches and black boards. Miss A. has some kind of kindergarten apparatus but has no table upon which to use it. They can be made here but the carpenter must have his money down when the work's done. I believe that the Board should turn Alaska over to you and give you all power to direct matters. The work to be done is peculiar and needs peculiar methods. The Indians are ready to begin anything that looks like Mr. Duncan's work. His influence has spread all along the coast. I do not wish a commission from the Board unless I can have the means to work in some method. Then I believe that I can do the Lord's work in a way, that will be efficient and lasting. I could have no heart nor courage to attempt to christianize these people if I were not able to break up their present habits of life. I do not care to draw a



salary unless I feel that I am accomplishing something. With careful management these missions should be made self supporting in a few years.

The Austins are well and learning first principles. Most of my friends in New York bought copies of your book as soon as it was for sale. I had intended to write to Mr. Kendall by this mail but as I have written to you at length I shall not. Please remember me to him. I sent some skins to Messrs. Eaton & Boyd from Port Townsend in March but have not heard from them yet.

Word has come from Ft. Wrangel that a missionary has been appointed for Chilkat. This is all that I could learn. The field is now open and I'm glad that he is coming.

The season is very late but there has not been a great deal of rain.

Yours sincerely,  
John G. Brady.

Sitka, Alaska  
June 7, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

The steamer came in this morning, a day or two before she was expected and I having been unwell for a few days am slightly behind with my letter writing. By making them brief I hope to send as many as I had expected to.

Your letter received by this steamer gives my great hope and encouragement. Mr. Brady and I had been speaking of a place not far from here that we thought would be suitable for the purpose of an Industrial school or anything of that kind should there be any likelihood of such being established. We shall attend to the matter as soon as possible. and I am sure that Col. Ball will give us all the assistance in his power. Capt. Beardsley has been kind and assisted in all the ways he could. Mrs. Beardsley came to Sitka when we did and expects to remain while the Capt does, and she is interested in the improvement of the Indians and will do all she can as soon as any arrangement can be made to teach them to sew and do such things. The Col. has placed the old hospital building at our disposal for school and church purposes. You remember its location beyond the Greek church from the wharf, which is one of the nicest locations here I think and has a good sized yard and garden. The building also contains a bath tub which can be used with good effect we think. Capt. B. thinks it would be a good plan for the church to secure the ownership of that building if possible and I think it could be fixed for a church and school very reasonably.

We will live in the old guard house in which Mr. Austin's family resides and one of the officers of the Jamestown.



We will have very comfortable quarters I think, as soon as we get our rooms in order.

Miss Austin and I have been laying our plans for learning the Thlinket language as soon as possible. I think the work done when the language is learned must certainly be much more effective. We will be glad to send you a short letter for publication in the R. M. Pres., the little treasure we so much prize every month some of us, but will not have time to write any for that purpose this month. Accept our thanks please for your book on Alaska which reached us by last steamer. Miss. Dunbar came up from Fort Wrangel this steamer to see Sitka and take a few days vacation. She will return with the steamer. She told us that they had heard that a missionary had been appointed for Chilcat Indians.

Mrs. Lyons joins me in kindest regards to yourself and family.

Your brothe in Christ,  
G. W. Lyons.

Bella Bella, B. C.  
June 9, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

We are very sorry you will not be able to stop on your way to Alaska, but if you will get the captain to blow the whistle we will know you on board, and return the salute by hoisting the flag.

We are progressing in our work here, the older people who hitherto have held aloof, are showing an increased interest in spiritual things, regularly attending the meetings and do their best to join in the singing. The people are clearing lots for building, but the distance and consequent expense of bringing lumber, will retard their progress in this respect some.

We have just returned from Goose Island, where we have been tenting out three weeks with our people. They congregat there every summer for the purpose of fur seal fishing. We had good meetings and sometimes a school session. Different scenes to what this island has witness every year before. But here as everywhere on this coast the most crying need is a home for young girls. Among the Bella Bella's the custom of infant betrothals and early marriages prevails. One bright little girl of 8 or 9 years was taken from the school and married to a man living in a heathen village, and who had already one wife. They have promised there shall be no more betrothals, but the old bargaining they say must be kept.

With regard to Indian curiosities, we have been anxious to get some ourselves, but strangely have never seen the least trace of any since we came.



Some we know have burnt them. If there are any yet in the village they have hidden them. They do not appear to like to hear them mentioned, we suppose from the superstitious fear with which they still regard them, for this reason we do not like to hinder their destruction. However if at any future time we can assist you in this particular we will be happy to do so.

The R. M. Pres. is ever a welcome visitor, and we assure you that you and the success of your work has a constant interest in our prayers. We ask the same on your behalf.

With our kindest regards, I close

Yours truly,  
C. T. Tate

Las Vegas, N. M.

June 10, 1880

My Dear Sir:

I received your letter and at once wrote Eastman to come here. Last night I received a letter from him saying he could come at once. I will remain here several days with him, and introduce him. Things are looking very much better here now. I would not leave here but for one or two reasons. I imagine Mr. Eastman wants to engage in the Mexican work, and besides he has his family with him, and a good wife and can do more good here in the next six months than the minister. There has never been any sociability in the church they act as if they were afraid of one another. We want a good woman here right now, who will take the lead in this and you see what she can do for the church. I am aware that I am giving up a good place, the best in the territory, better than I will find soon, yet I am perfectly willing to do so under the circumstances. I have discharged my duty faithfully here, and now things are in good shape for my successor. I had made up my mind to stay here, and was feeling quite happy over the thought, but when I received your letter I thought the thing over, and was impressed with the idea I stated above, besides my wife was reluctant about giving her consent to come here. But I am not blaming you at all, I only wish you and the Board to understand my position. I don't know what to say about Rosita. I suppose it is a very small place and of little importance. If I thought Silver Cliff would be vacant soon I would go to R. and wait but I hardly like to venture on uncertainties.

Have you any vacancies in Montana? if so where and what are they?

Yours as ever,  
Josiah McClain.



Las Vegas, N. M.  
June 11, 1880

My Dear Bro:

Mr. Eastman arrived here this P. M. I am much pleased with him. I think he is the very man for this place, and his wife is just the woman they need here at this time.

I will go to Rosita next week or the week after. I wish you would write them to that effect.

Yours in haste,  
Josiah McClain.

N. B. Did you get the check I sent you from Albuquerque.

Pueblo, Col.  
June 14, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours received. Bro. Eastman spent one day at the Pueblo and then started for Las Vegas. He would have visited Rosita and Silver Cliff, but for Teitworth's letter in the interior of June 3th. He feared the altitude would be too great for his wife at or in San Luis valley.

Ought we to have a meeting of the Presbytery called to take action with reference to Teitworth? I think Presbytery has borne with him long and patiently enough. He is doing the church an injury as he is encouraging his people to disobey Presbytery.

I am anxious to have a good minister at Rosita and Silver Cliff soon.

Is McClain a man capable of taking such a field and winning his way?

With kindest regards to your family.

Yours in Christ,  
H. B. Gage.

Idaho Springs, Col.  
June 14, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your card is before me and in reply have to say that I have been providentially hindered from visiting both Sancer and Trail Creek as yet, Mrs. C. broke down in strength on our way to this place and has been confined to her bed ever since and her condition has been against me even in my work here. Nevertheless have been working up matters quite successfully, have preached to the people and made their acquaintance, and have their complete cooperation. They tell me that the prospects are better than ever before. I myself look upon them as quite encouraging. See nothing in the way of building up the church here. It is as good a prospect as



I want. I will visit the others fields at my earliest opportunity, start the ball to rolling there. Mrs. C. has been in so critical a state that I could not leave her but an hour or so at a time, but it seems as if she cannot linger long in this condition. Under the circumstances I will do the best I can until a change comes.

The Methodists have withdrawn from the church and are holding services in the pavillion. The Episcopaliana are having a rompus among themselves. And I find that the sympathy and good will of the community is with the Presbyterian.

I have found here a good warm hearted people willing to help and be helped and as Providence opens the way : will advance in the work.

Please let me hear from you.

Yours Fraternally,

J. S. Caruthers.

P. S. Can you assist me in getting half fare permits on the Col. Central R. R.

Dundas, Minn.

June 14, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Friend:

We arrived at my father's last Monday eve very much worn-out, but since getting some rested feel better. I was sorry I had written you for the half fares as I came away so soon but hope you have not sent for them. I was also sorry that I had not left my things for who ever goes but it seemed so uncertain and I had so little time to think that I sold what I could some for not half what we paid for them, and a number of things I had to leave for who ever wanted them, still now that the missionary will be in connection with the school there are many things that they will not need to take that we took. I think they would not need to get a stove as there are several there, but for working and heating. There are also four new sewing machines and that is one thing that it costs a good deal to bring. There is also a sewing machine at Moqui, a singer and I think new, so Mr. Taylor would not need to take one. I am anxious to hear if they have gone, I was so sorry to come away before they came I was anxious to see them. I hope there work there will not be done as soon as ours was. Mr. D. had been taking down the work as he found them out and I have kept all his papers and as soon as I can will put them in some order as he expected to have done when some one else goes out they can have them if they are of any use. I know a good many of them will not be exactly right as Mr. D. expected to have gone over them when we got more familiar with the language and could distinguish the different sounds better. I expect to



stay here this summer and to go to Penn. in the fall. We are well. How is your family?

Yours truly,  
Mrs. A. H. Donaldson.  
Dundas  
Rice Co. Minn.

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Naples, N. Y.  
June 14, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My Dear Bro:

Since my return home I have consulted my wife about going West. She is perfectly willing to go and I think without doubt you may depend on me to take the field which Bro. Darley has left. Please write me immediately what steps I must take. I am sure God has directed me in this matter.

Fraternally,  
W. L. Austin.

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San Luis, Colorado.  
June 14, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

As I am more and more convinced that I ought to make a change of climate before another winter, I very gladly accept the appointment to Mesilla.

I will forward your letter to Miss S. but I judge from the tone of her last letter, just received, that she may not feel it just right to leave where she is in the present condition of the church work there.

In a letter just received from Rev. J. M. Roberts he states that he has received a letter from one whom he judges to be the leading elder of the church at Cenicero requesting him (Mr. Roberts) to visit them that he may direct and assist them in taking measures to transfer their church back to the Santa Fe Pres. He asks me what was done at the meeting of Colo. Pre to make the Mexican members dissatisfied.

I will delay my reply to him a few days thinking you may have something to suggest as to what I write.

You see I consider it my duty to keep you and all who have oversight of this work posted.

Now as to Mesilla. If I am sent there without Miss Smith I want a good teacher of both vocal and instrumental music as my associate teacher. Would the Board not be willing to employ one even if Miss S. does go, in view of the amount we could take in from our pupils? You know good music would



about double our receipts, besides greatly helping to put us beyond the reach of competition from the "Powers that be". I have an acquaintance, Miss Mary Porter, Kilbourn, Del Co, Ohio, whom I should particularly like to have take the position if it can be arranged. If Miss Pitts (of Costilla) were free she would like to teach with me, and I hope she may sometime, but she is not willing to ask for a commission again; indeed, I do not think she wants one. You know many of the circumstances which attended her first attempts at Mission work. I do so hope Miss Smith will go with me. The atmosphere of devotion in which she dwells makes me all the time feel like trying to be good. She speaks of her health as much better since her visit down here than at any time previous, since she came to Colorado.

Do you think Mr D. can exert an influence over the church members at Canicero detrimental to Miss Conaways usefulness there?

Miss Fletcher wishes me to say she is not engaged to Mr S. for any definite time, and that she contemplates a change before the coming winter.

You understood me when you were here, did you not, as recommending her as a christian lady and as experienced and energetic housekeeper, not as a teacher, only as she may work into it possibly. I should like very much to have her with me if she is needed in the department, but that would be only in case of an Industrial department or a very large family of boarding pupils. The music is far more important at first I am sure. What a long business letter!

Yours most cordially,  
Anna. M. Ross

Las Vegas, New Mexico  
June 15, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:

After the all the planing and praying with regard to a new field we are safely ensconced at last in the parsonage at Las Vegas. Many thanks to you for all your patience and kindness. To my view here the work has no little promise of good. I hope I may have prudence and wisdom enough to lead on to success. I wrote to Rev. J. D. Kerr about the goods I shipped to Denver asking him to forward them to me, excepting a cook stove which I desired sold, as we find a better one on easy terms here. If you are near him I wish you could see whether he has had time or opportunity to see to it.

Do you know what became of my Presbyterial letter? I have just thought of it, and I wonder how I am to be enrolled on the roll of ministers in the minutes this year. I am dismissed from Dayton and not received in Santa Fe.



You will take note of my change of place, when it comes to mailing the Rocky Mountain Presbytery.  
With kindest regards.

J. C. Eastman.

Santa Fe, N. M.  
June 15, 1880

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 11th is at hand. If I am expected to go out with you to help collect the Indian children, it would be better, if you can to postpone the work till July, because I must be at home on the last of June to close up the accounts for the fiscal year. I do not know whether my team will get back from Defiance this month or not, but I presume it will. I was quite gratified by what you report from the Department concerning my case there. Your second sentence seems to modify the first. From how high up in the Department did you get the word that I am all right, please tell me about it. I had about reached the conclusion that I am all right from the tone of things. Some leading men were in from San Felipe yesterday and I gave them an indefinite talk about sending children east to school. They seemed to be rather favorably impressed with the idea. We must get our work in before the Roman Catholics can do much in opposition.

Very truly,

B. M. Thomas.

New York, N. Y.  
June 15, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:

In reply to your note of the 10th inst received today the name of Mr. J. H. Sullivan, of Madison, Wis. was sent in for the Houai Agency on the 5th inst, but as yet I see no notice of its having been sent to the Senate.

Mr. Sullivan's recommendations were very good, particularly as stated in a call of the Rev. Dr. Little of Madison, until lately synodical missionary, who strongly advised his nomination. Dr. L. has long known Mr. S.

With kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

John C. Lowrie.

P. S. If you happen to know anything of Dr. Whitney, for some time in New Mexico, please let me know what you think of him. I hear him well spoken of.



Hookstown, Beaver Co. Pa.  
June 15, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:

Yours of the 11th inst has just been received. My address for the summer will be as above. I have just ordered through W. W. Waters, Pittby. a first Spanish book on grammar and will try to do what I can in its study. Am improving physically. My trouble is in the nervous system, I needed rest and am now enjoying it. Assisted a brother at Comfort Saturday and Sabbath last the only preaching I have done in 5 weeks or more. Am not sure whether we will sell our goods or not. I find freight is only \$2.77 through to Canon City. It is probable we will sell. Bro. Brown says, "By all means sell". He kindly offers to procure R. R. orders etc. for me. But I wrote him today that I supposed you would attend to all that. If I can procure them through you please apprise me of it, as also of anything else you may deem necessary. I got my dismissal from presbytery last week to Pres. of Col. but I presume will after Sept. be a unit in the new Pres. of Pueblo. In the meantime ask the Lord to give us the preparation that he only can give?

Yours Fraternally,  
W. W. Morton.

Zuni, New Mexico.  
June 15, 1880

Dr. S. Jackson,

Dear Bro:

I send you a copy of a letter which I have just written to Dr. Thomas, Agt.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that if I know of any Zunis who wish to go to school at Carlisle, Pa. I shall report the fact to you. There are now five offering themselves, one I suppose is beyond the required, he is perhaps 21 but a very worthy boy, by name Pasqualita. I wish to inform you that they offer themselves, and to ask you if the way is clear for them to go, when and how shall they go and how many years remain before returning.

Your Ob't servant,  
T. F. Ealy, M. D.  
U. S. I. Teacher.

Anderson Bay New Zealand.  
June 16, 1880



My dear Bro. Jackson:

I think I mentioned in my last letter to you that I had received your book on Alaska. Many thanks to you for it, it is full of interest.

Please receive under cover of this second exchange First by the last mail \$ 3 for Alaska.

I think your proposed cabinet at Princeton will be of much service to your missionary cause. It will awaken and stimulate interest in mission fields. Some months ago I had a very large collection of curios from New Guinea which I presented to our Duxedin Museum in name of Rev. Jas. Chalmers who sent them to me. When writing to him the other day I mentioned to him your proposal and asked him to send me over a parcel to send to you. We are supporting a native missionary there and it is likely he will send me a box by an early opportunity. I will write to friends in Fiji and in Australia and see whether anything can be got from those countries for you. I will also get a collection of Maori Photos, N. E. scenery etc for you.

We elected Dr. Stuart one of our oldest ministers to represent us at the Presbyterian Council, but I am sorry to say that he cannot go. He has difficulty in securing supply for his pulpit during his absence.

With very kind regards.

Yours very sincerely,

C. Stuart Ross.

P. S. Enclosed three pounds in check.

23 Centre st. New York.  
June 16, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Your first letter to the office from Washington came before I got home and was not put into my hands till several days after. I was very glad to get it. I sent you a letter yesterday about Bransby. If Eastman goes to Cenicero how would it do to put Bransby at San Luis. Mr. Schettler has been here he protests against taking Miss Ross away. He thinks she has only to say that her instructions are imperative to have the Bible read in school and that so many Bibles have been distributed in the valley that it would not materially damage her school. I am quite in earnest about Bransby for he is a good Spanish scholar.

Mr. Schettler has great respect for Mrs. Perkins and was quite astonished to hear of the rumore about her. I saw Mrs. Dr. Thomas at La Porte and while she said she would not say that she believed Mrs. P. guilty of any impropriety, yet inas much as it was current that her form had materially changed before her marriage and that she went off and was



gone for three months, it was very difficult to kill or quell the unpleasant rumors that if she had staid right there she would have lived them all down before now.

You inquire what kind of a time we had at Milwaukee and Chicago. Well! a very hard time! The story will keep till I see you, but it is too long to tell. If you ever come to this office again you can probably see a resume of the Chicago meeting in Baird's hand writing.

I have written Mr. Trowbridge of the Indian Department. According to what you say of proposals for the Navajos school I judge that we are to have a new contract all round. How are you going to work to find teachers etc. for Arizona and Col. I want to know more fully about your plans. As to Santa Fe land, Mrs. Thomas agrees with Dr. Lowrie that the Brewers claim takes in a part of the buildings of the school property. If so, as Dr. Lowrie says, as those buildings have been occupied for hen house, wood house, or what not, we have occupied the property. Mrs. Thomas says the Brewers have dissolved partnership and that Breden is not the counsel for the one who retains the Brewery. Berden & Co. are also Schettler's counsel, she said he was going to speak to them about the case. Mrs. Graham and I have been talking it over and we agree to have you see what you can do on the same terms you offered Dr. Thomas, that is see what you can do with \$250. How much will the Brewer give off. See what Berden thinks if you can. But all you can say is, "I am authorized to see what are the best terms I can make for \$250".

Riggle wants to build that new church now, and he wants a new lot. I have written him that Mrs. Graham is willing they should have a lot, but not to overshadow or damage by its proximity the present school building. You will find in a day or two a card showing what we did for Col. men at yesterday's meeting. Have you any hope of Merritt?

I want to hear from you as to where you are? And when you come on can't you send a postal card to us every day or two? The Board took no action yesterday about any meeting the force in the office. I presume we shall go on as we are for the present.

Allen will probably take Irwin's place soon.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Fort Simpson, British Columbia.  
June 17, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson Dunbar with six of the Home girls, Mrs. Young, Susie, Baby and myself are about landing at Fort Simpson. Have made this excursion with doubly view of recreation and business, giving the girl an airing and study



ing the plan of Fort S. and Metlakatlah missions. Dr. Corlies started also yesterday with his family to the Taccus to follow up some of Mr. C's scholars and do missionary and educational work for two or three months. They went by canoe. Mrs. Dickinson also started yesterday with her husband to Chilcat. He is to take charge of a trading post established by the new company of which Vanderbilt is a member. Mr. De Groff who came with the Austins' has taken charge of a similar post at Hoochenoo. He will do missionary work. We have commissioned Mrs. Dickinson offering her \$10 per month and what other help we can obtain. She will open a school at once and will hold the fort until Mr. Blores or whoever is commissioned gets there and then she will be his interpreter. We have given Tillie at the Home her position as interpreter. Remember your promise about obtaining Mrs. D's salary.

Prof. Dall has gone up the coast on a Government coast survey. Had a most pleasant visit from him also his wife who returned by the California.

Your kind letter was received but the immediate answer crowded out. I shall comply with your request concerning your book for which accepts my thanks. If being as I am on the ground, I make a pretty severe proof reading it it is nothing more than you have requested and our friendship warrants.

Sarah Dickinson is in the Home and Willie is in my charge until he can be sent to Government school at Forest Grove, or elsewhere.

Capt. Wilkinson received an order from the Sec'y of Interior just before the California on which he expected to go up on after the Indian children started, countermanding the order to take 25 Alaska youths. He and we are still in hopes that they will yet be taken. I had most of them already.

We will go back to Fort Wrangel by canoe. Will start back next week. I have no doubt shocked the Board by the largness of the amount necessary to complete the Home and out buildings counting debts already contracted \$2500,00. But it is carefully made.

Yours in haste after seasickness,  
S. Hall Young.

P. S. Hurry up the missionaries to Chilcat and Hydah.

Animas City, Col.  
June 17, 1880

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Doctor:

Am just home from up the valley. Have been on a deer hunt. Am very glad to hear about the ministers. My opinion is that a man here in my place while I am on a visit east with an occasioned visit to Rico, it being in view again



I come back is by far the wisest way. He can live very much cheaper here. Everything is yet unsettled there and sickness. It is a large place but now almost as many leave as stay and then there is no available place as yet for service. Here much is at stake by a man being right here as head quarters. In intend coming back after the Pan. Presby. Sept, 23th, Hoge of Ouray is at Rico. Roberts of Silverton has been over three times was here this week. Have got an S. S. started at Parrott City. It is full of people. Next week go up to the booming camp junction creek mines and the week following start east. Church flourishing also S. S.

Thanks for half fare. Will call when I reach Denver.

Yours in Christian Love,  
W. C. Beebe.

Pueblo, Col.

June 17, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Bro. Partridge seems to think we can do nothing till the fall meeting of the Presbytery with Teitworth. But if your ministers at Denver ask for a called meeting to ordain Mr. Blachly and to consider Rev. Smith's case, I want to have Teitworth's case included in it. Partridge and myself are satisfied that he harming the church by remaining there. But he has made the church feel under obligation to keep him till next fall. We have already tolerated him for a year, and still he "bulldogs" the Pres.

I have written Dr. Kendall about A. T. Blachly. I am sure the Pres. will license and ordain (one or both) Mr. B. if he appears before us.

Yours in Christ,  
H. B. Gage.

Malad City, Idaho Ter.

June 18, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours from Denver containing a half fare permit over the U. P. R. R. also one from Chicago containing a half fare permit for myself over the C. B. & Q. R. R. have been received. For this and the many other favors you have shown me since my sojourn among the Rockies, you have my sincere thanks.

I am a little afraid that this out of the way field is not duly appreciated and that upon my leaving the Boards of the church may be disposed to neglect it. In my reports of the field I have aimed at simple representation of the facts without flourish and embellishment.



The facts and figures show well along side of those of other points.

The Oneida Co. Bible Society has past its 2nd Anniversary - has distributed 500 Bibles and Testaments and returned \$45 to the parent Society. 120 S.S. pupils or more, have been taught and drilled in evangelical truth.

The Gospel of Christ has been preached every Sabbath to audiences of fair average numbers and appreciation.

Of the Day-School, we cannot boast so much, nor need we be ashamed of its record under the circumstances which have already reported at greater length than I can now repeat.

Sister teaches 21 in her own room this summer. What has been done shows what may be done. And let it be remembered, that what has been done has been done in much physical weakness. Had I been in sound health, my labors would have been more than doubled and I have no doubt that results would have been greater and more satisfactory.

As to the natural phases of this field I cannot see that they have materially changed since the field was first occupied. The U & N.R.R. had then established its course and all question of Malad's prosperity which could be determined by it, were settled. We may lose the County seat - probably will. But while all these probabilities have been before the people, they have not deserted the place but have proceeded more diligently than before to build, improve and establish themselves in this valley. For agriculture it is second to none in the Territory, and why should they not? No other member of the Pres. has been on the field since I came and I am glad to expect Bro. Gillespie next Sabbath that I may be not alone in these observations. he may see things through different glasses.

If I thought the Board understood this field I should be satisfied with any action they might take in regard to it.

Please note the change of my address from Malad City Idaho, to Ashland, Ohio.

Yours in Christ,  
E.P. Welsh.

Canon City, Col.,  
June 19th 1880

My Dear Sir;

I am on my road to Rosita. Will stay here over Sabbath. The Presbyterian minister has informed me that the people in Silver Cliff have pledged themselves to stand by Fitzworth till fall at least. That complicates matters. After a talk with him we decided it was best for me to go and see what was could be done at Rosita, without any reference to its connection with S.Cliff. I'm afraid of this matter. Itell you



things never looked as dark to me as they do just now. I am getting thoroughly disgusted with the turn of affairs, I will give Rosita a fair trial, but if we conclude that field must be connected with the Cliff, then that gets me out. I am not financially in very good condition to turn out to pasture, yet this ends my nonsense. I found a man Rev. Mr. Gerhard the minister's here just ready to start for Rosita this A. M. But now he expects to return to Denver. I don't quite see through this Silver Cliff business as I look it over from the first letter you wrote me. Write me at Rosita.

Yours respectfully,  
Josiah McClain.

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Monument, Col.  
June 19, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your letter received and points about journey noted. A few questions occur to me, which I would like to have answered.

Is it certain that we could get temporary accommodations at the Home at Fort Wrangell? Wife is anxious lest they should be so much crowded that she could not have a comfortable room for herself at a time when of course it will be sadly needed.

Should my duty seem clear to seek ordination as you have advised what steps would be necessary for me to take or would you attend to all the preliminaries. We shall have to start if we get off at all on July 12th (Monday) I think, could take the morning train and spend day in D. Could it be done that afternoon. It will take \$500 to square up my debts. and at least \$250 to \$350 more to get a suitable outfit. If I should not be able to sell my property here for all cash, it is possible that I should not have enough left to pay our passage out. I understand you that the Board bears these expenses. And could it be arranged that it would advance them if necessary?

Does our transportation include that of necessary household goods?

Would it not be well for you to leave a card, asking for special rates over the U.P. & C.P., so that in case I should fail in getting one-half rates % agent, we might at least secure 8 per cent rate of \$70. of which you spoke?

Please answer on this sheet. Things look favorably to our getting off to-day all except my wife's health and in regard to that I am a little dubious.

Fraternally Yours,  
A.T. Blackly.

Please state distance from San Francisco to Ft Wrangell and time usually occupied on the voyage.



Idaho Springs, Col.  
June 21, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Mrs Caruthers peacefully and triumphantfully passed away on Sat. 8.30 P.M. a glorious exhibition of faith, patience and resignation. She had kind friends and loving hearts to minister to her and console her during her illness here which she appreciated. I with my little boy feel the stroke to be a heavy one but my trust is in the Living God who has always sustained me in the many trials of my life and my confidence has grown stronger with every affliction.

Now as to my work which I enter upon under these circumstances. From what I can learn there is little prospect of building up a congregation at either at L- or Trail Creek. I will go up there however and view the field. The people here are anxious for me to give them my whole time, and the prospect is good for doing effective work.

Would like to hear from you on the subject .

We are needing a chandalier or two for the church here could send such perhaps. Some churches have laid aside for better improvements. This is sufficiently good enough for us

If you can find some one who will donate, it will be a great favor to us.

Yours Fraternally,  
J.S.Caruthers.

Canon City, Col.  
June 24, 1880

S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:

Should have written to you befor this, but did not know until yesterday where you might be.

Bros. McClain & Gerhardt were both yesterday on their way to the Cliff. Gerhardt will turn and head for Denver. McC. will go to Rosita and try to make an opening.. It is a little unfortuntee that they should have come just at this time.

Immediately after receaving your letter I went to and the Cliff and reported to Bro. Gage who had also written me and thought that would answer until I knew of you and had more to report. Of the three members in Ula, one wants to go to the Methodist church, and the others who can neither read nor write are Teitworth's adherents and will do what he says. Silver Cliff is not willing to unite with Rosita even temporarily. They seemed fixed in their resoltuion to keep Bro. T. till fall, not beacuse they like him but from a sense of obligation. He will fight for the field. Some of the members of the church and congregation are Congregationalists and under the circumstances as they are inclined to kick against Pres. Government. I think it is wise, even at the



sacrifice of some interests to let things go on with Bro. T. till fall, with the distinct understanding, which I gave them that they must do it independently for Pres. After twice defied by the mountainsage will do no more for him. But I think it best to occupy Rosita, have some good man there, who can gather up the church and at the same time keep his eyes on the Cliff and be ready to improve opportunities. But if he does so he ought to have some position as assurance from the Board that he will be supported. Rosita is promising now, and as they have some strength if it can be collected, it may seem best that they have a man permanently, separated from the Cliff. Excuse haste.

Fraternally Yours,

J. W. Partridge.

P. S. Please pass this letter to the H. M. Committee.

Ouray, Col.

June 21, 1880

Dear Doctor Jackson:

The combat deepens. As I wrote Mr. Kerr the other day Smith turned over the order for \$175 that the trustees have given him on the treasury to Cassedy his lawyer, and Cassedy brought suit for it before the justice this morning. The trustees had read of Mr. Kerr's letter stating that the church was not responsible for the action of the trustees with out a congregational meeting, but they were afraid to fight on that issue (that is two, the majority were) for fear they would become personally liable and the debt by their orders was acknowledged incorrect and the case went against the church. had to attend a funeral and was not in court. But how to raise \$175 is another question. As far as I can make out, the church consists in membership of the three Bells, two Morrises, and Miss Ashley. There never was any subscription list that I know of and so whom to depend on, whom to call Smith's friends among the contributor's I don't know. No one wants to go ahead to raise the money for fear of additional debts falling upon the church and rendering a further appeal necessary. What on earth will be the result, I don't know. I'd like advice of course but I don't know how to ask question to get it. As to staying here, of course I will stand my offer and hold on through the summer, but I want to go out to Presbytery this fall for I do hope will all my heart that Smith will be tried then. A church trial may be a bad thing but I think it is a far worse thing to have such a man as he disgracing the church. He is hard at work against the church now in an underhand way I can see though I can't catch him at it, and I'll not demean myself by trying to fight him with his own weapons, but runing round and talking about him.



I have though three separate instances in which I believe we can prove he lied and I want to testify to it personally and not by affidavit so that I can be cross examined if need be. Col. Blythe can testify strongly against Smith and if Presbytery summons him I think he will be glad to do so. I can go out with Mr. Bell when he goes for supplies in October without trouble or heavy expense.

H. L. Janeway.

P. S. The plan of the Smith campaign seems to be to bring suit in sections and so annoy and involve the whole church in expense. The church owes \$276 now and it can't stagger under much more in its present size and condition half a dozen members and no immediate prospect of growth makes the out look doubtful. I'm not discouraged but I just want to tel how things seem to be so that you may think of some advice under the circumstances.

H. L. J.

Port Townsend, W. T.  
June 21, 1880

Dear Doctor Jackson:

I am much obliged to you for so kindly and promptly sending me your valuable book which arrived this A. M. I am going to Portland in a day or two, and it will be very pleasant reading for me on the train. I am also indebted to you for paying me the compliment of assistance in your work. I am now engaged upon another lengthy report, a portion of which will be devoted to your missions, hence I very much desire the report of Doctor Kendall and yourself made last year.

I should like to have it as soon as convenient, for the reason that my whole report will be copied by one person and upon paper of a uniform size, hence I should like to get the copyist at it as soon as possible. It depends upon a good many circumstances whether I shall visit Washington next winter. I can do so if I choose, but there must be a different temper displayed towards Alaska, else I prefer to wait for a new administration and a new House of Representatives.

Yours very truly,  
Wm. Gouverneur Morris.

23 Centre st. New York.  
June 22, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.



Dear Sir and Brother:

At the last meeting of the Board of B. M. Dr. Roberts was made President in place of Dr. Hastings, - he himself was detained by a wedding (late because the tailor was late in groom's clothes) and so the business was all done up before he got there. Dr Dickson went off the next day to Vermont. No additional help has yet been appointed. Of course I do not know what will be done - nothing of course till the next meeting of the Board in July. The meeting was held in advance of regular time, on account of the Princeton Committee.

I am thinking about it all, - that we must just wait patiently on the Lord, and that He will bring to pass just what is best for us all.

We are very glad if the Government will pay all the salaries about which you write to Dr Kendall - now who knows about about these places in detail? Can you give a list of exact places - and what kind of a teacher is needed for each?

We have quite a number of names on hand, and are pushing inquiries about them as fast as possible. Rev Mr McNiece can tell us about the points in Utah - but what about New Mexico, and Arizona eh?

Miss Austin will have to have an assistant at Sitka, she has 150 scholars already and it is attempting too much work for her strength, so we fear. I have written to her, perhaps some one there can be found to suit and so save travelling expenses. It is a little trying when you and we have so much material on hand, to have those last pages of the July No. of Rocky Mountain Pres. taken with matter not particularly relevant. I am glad to know from good authority that the price of paper is going down, which will make quite a difference to you.

You ask about Milwaukee and Chicago. Our visit to the former place did not accomplish much one way or another. The public meeting at Chicago fell through. Dr. Kendall got a telegram at Milwaukee from Dr. Kittredge, saying it was given up on account of the political convention to begin on Wednesday. Our meeting was to be Monday eve. Only a few came to the conference appointed for Tuesday P. M. The Foreign Missionary Officers had a meeting at same time. I saw them however and was able to answer some objections, for instance that we took women for home work who were already fully busy with Foreign Missions. I said this was one object of a conference to get the names of good efficient women, not already taken up, but Mrs. Hoge said it was difficult to find Officer for their Foreign Mission societies, which was rather hard on home work. The other great objection was that all this missionary work ought to be done by Foreign Board, but they approved of the regular work of the B. of H. M. Of this last, I said we were glad, it was so difficult to educate women up to this large view. But the way in the Northwest seems to be blocked up.



Yours respectfully,  
F. E. H. Haines.

P. S. I have heard from Mrs. A. H. Donaldson that her father came to take her home.

Lajara Conjos Co. Colorado.  
June 23, 1880

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

I have just arrived from Taos, and just read your letter of the 17th in regard to the Cinecero church. I would state that one of the leaders has already written to Bro. Roberts. As wishing to be received in to the N. M. Presbytery. But Bro. Roberts would not have anything to do with it unless ordered so do to by proper authority. It would make trouble in the Cinecero church if any attempt is made to return it again to the N. M. Presbytery. But I shall visit the church as soon as possible and shall do my best to advise and persuade them to be patient until the minister comes. The Lajara church Bro. Garmes, ruling elder is somewhat anxious about a minister but I shall also see them shortly as Bro. Kerr has asked me so to do. I will give you a little history of my trip and work in Taos. Bro. Roberts has 4 or 6 Evangelists and good workers for Mexicans and they have found many believers around Taos but have not had very good success in getting them into the church. Bro. Roberts wanted me to speak to the people in the name of Christ which I did and held meetings 5 or 6 evenings steady, the results were good thank the Lord, 13 adults were baptized on the confession of faith and 8 more were to be on Sunday last but as my commission would not omit of my staying any longer. I do not know whether the 8 were received or not. We had large meetings for this country they averaged about this number.

1st Evening 40 present

2d " 100 "

3th " big and little 200 present.

Brother Jackson the people want some one to wake them up and as I make a pretty strong noise they do not sleep much when I am around and I wish I was situated so I could stay and work in a place, when I see that I am doing so much good but as a Colporteur I can't do it. Bro. McCandlish the Dis. Supt. A. B. S. thinks that the sales ought to pay my expenses and wages which it will never do among these poor priest ridden people, and I expect this will be my last report. Which will see me out of the missionary work entirely, which will make me very sorry as I promised the Lord when he converted my soul that I would work for him



the balance of my life. Also the pay I receive is small for my self and team \$50 per month and lose the time I am not on the road. The last two months I have got in 26 days and so you can see that it is not just the thing for a man with a large family I have run in debt ever since I have been at the work, but was in hopes to make the ends meet, but see that I cannot. If I am worthy of it a commission as Evangelist with fair pay would be better from the fact if I laid off a day my pay would go on I also could take Bibles along from the A. B. S. without pay so the Bible work would go on though I did not receive pay from the A. B. S. Any way I shall leave all to the Lord and the brothers to do what they see best. I expect to have to sell my farm to save my honor and credit.

Your two-fold brother,  
Albert Jacobs.  
Colporteur.

Breckenridge, Col.  
June 24, 1880

Rev. Dr. Bliss,

Dear Brother:

I can't take time to tell you much about the place this A. M. I shall say however that I had the good fortune of being one of the prime movers last eve. in a called meeting of the citizens of this place and put in operation a printing press in B. Two shrewd and intelligent men from Chicago will put the press in work in two or three weeks. You pay the countless hammer stroke (?) and the lacerating saw here all the day long. You must pay \$7 dollars a week for room and board in a log house well ventilated and \$ 14 in a hotel, room no better, fare but little better. All the stores and saloons no immense amount of business. Especially on Sabbath day, there are 20 or 30 saloons here in shprt it has all the elements of the worst and best city Chicago breaking out on this side of the range I know a business that will pay here and have written my brother to come out, whether he can come out and have enough capital I do not know. Now I write you lest Dr. Jackson is not at home. We shall need a house to preach in. There are but few Presbyterians here at present. Will the Board be responsible for room rent till I can draw from my congregation. As it is I think a lot should be selected here for a church site, now and a building cheap put up. One hotel keeper here has invested \$8000 in a hotel property and there are two other properties almost as expensive. All other species of houses are going up and not a church of any kind. Both the Methodist and Congregational ministers have been trying to build out nothing done as yet.



It all costs \$75 a month perhaps to rent a hall exclusive for our purpose, while if the Board will use say \$500, well \$1500 in a house and lot, constructed so as to let the lower rooms they would lose nothing and it would make our church and save money. If some good and wealthy man in Denver would come out here erect a church large enough for business rooms above and give it to us for that purpose or rent it reasonably that would be just what we need and a great help to the cause of Christ. Now we ought to have hymn books for next Sabbath. I have written Dr. Jackson in regard to these. Have no idea what sort of an audience I shall have next Sabbath but the church should start us out fuller equipped into such a place as this. I think the people are building and just starting and I don't think they are able to give much to religious purposes at this junction.

The Methodists and Congregationalists are using the school house here, the only public building in the place. So you see a town hall, business rooms on the first floor would pay here. I presume in a week or two the room we shall occupy next Sabbath will be rented to business parties. B. is certainly booming, rather live here than in Co. town and rather live here than in Denver. It is cool so far as weather is concerned, hot for business.

Yours in Christ,  
Chas. F. McNulty.

Dr. Jackson:

I send you this from Leadville for you to manage.

Truly Yours,  
T. E. Bliss.

June 25, 1880

Dr. Jackson:

I have concluded to board the rest of the summer on account of my health. Will it be the same to you if I rent house for the remaining two months. I asked Mr. Stout about occupying it, but he prefers to board, I have had several chances to rent it, but till now expected to occupy it myself for the three months. If there is no objections to the plan you will oblige me by answering immediately.

Yours,

A. M. Darley.

P. S. Mrs. S. may board with the lady to whom I sent.



Baldwinsville, N. Y.

June 25, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of the 19th received, forwarded from the office, and about it I have something to say.

1. I don't like your farming out fields to men who can't come on till Sept. to the exclusion of better men.
2. I remember all you say about Bransby, but if he is now willing to go to the Spanish speaking people he ought to be sent.
3. I have had no conversation with him lately and no correspondence. I sent you Agnew's letter, that you might look after the matter yourself. I shall not send him a commission till I hear further from you concerning him and you hear whether he is willing to go to Tierra Amarilla I don't suppose he will and if he will not go there and will to Cenicero and Costilla Co. I don't propose to leave him in Kansas and import Mr. Morton of whom I know nothing and who knows nothing of English. I shall dispose of Mr. Morton very quick if it comes to that. Besides I have no idea of sending Mr. Bransby to one place to prepare it for another man after Sept 1st then go to another field.

As to Miss Ross, Chas A. Taylor, and Mr. Kennedy see my letter written to you and one forwarded from Taylor to you, which you evidently had not received.

I have a long letter from Roberts asking us to employ Jacobs the Bible Agent to work with him on the Mexicans and wants to license him. I have told him we do not know enough about him. Was it not you who told me he got drunk at Costilla? We don't want such a man licensed for our work. I referred Roberts to you, Darley and Mr. Scheliter for information.

Give kind regards to Dr. Thomas.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Clinton, N. Y.

June 22, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have yours about Mr. Blachley and family of the 16th put into my hand just as I left the Office for this place yesterday morning. I am pleased with all you say of the man, I think he would make a good missionary, as to his mother I stand in some doubt, she must be older than Miss Hancock. But I do not think it best to push them off at once. Even at the best it involves Mrs. B's confinement at Wrangel and that involves throwing the whole burden on Mrs. McFarland and I will not be responsible for that. If they should wait till next spring it would be bad but probably



not fatal, or if he understands Spanish why would he not make a good man for New Mexico work in New M. or A. Besides I have written to Young to inquire more definitely about location of Blaney and that might help this man as well. I tell Young that sending missionaries to the Hyda's or the Chilcats where there are no white men no white mens provisions or comforts, or monthly steamer with supplies or mails is a vastly different thing from sending men out as he and Brady were sent out and I am not willing to send men out without some better knowledge of how they are to be provided for. You know Young never has his letters ready it may be three months before we shall hear. Besides in a matter so grave and important the Board ought to act and I presume the school committee would decline to take the responsibility. The Board will not meet again till the 4th Tuesday in July. Paxton was at our last meeting and Booth was added to the school Com. Roberts was elected President. I wrote a letter to Taylor at Monument three or four days ago which I asked him to send you as expressing a doubt of the necessity of going to the Navajos to look the ground over and then come back for his wife and suggested a good many inquiries about the school, which you can find out as well as if you were both there, especially whether there are to be new school buildings and when without which Mrs. Donaldson says the school must be very small.

We shall have to make new school contracts and I should like to know if you have good warrant for the figures you wrote from Washington about what the Gov. will do for them and for other tribes.

The Courts are located, the older at Parowan, the other at St. George. He has written Dr. Wilson for chapel school house, as the Dr. understand he is paying \$800 a Sunday for a hall, for evening service. Coyner and Parks are on the way for funds.

Glad Eastman has gone to Las Vegas and McClain to the other places. Fulton I suppose is on his way to Albuquerque.

I want to hear from you awfully.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

St George, Washington Co, Utah  
June 26, 1880

My Dear Sir:

I flatter myself that you will be interested to know my condition here and I will write as fully as though you were a relative.

I was privileged to visit personally Brog. Knowles at Ogden, Gillespie at Brigham, McNiece at S. L. C. Leonard at Springville, McMilan at Mt. Pleasant and Martin at Manti.



I also met our teachers at the above named places and those also at Nephi, Pleasant Grove and America F. at the latter place I preached two Sabbaths. These all gave the benefit of their experience and during my ride of 300 miles with Bro. McMillan I got in detail his method of work. I reached the place in time to attend the Quar. Con. of the st. George stake and it gave me an opportunity of learning many new things about the Saints.

The elder Erastus Snow found occasion in his harangue to warn the people not to let their children attend the schools of these wolves in sheep's clothing who were coming in their midst. Personally I have been treated kindly. They have never asked me to say a word at any of their meetings and yet they know me for I have been introduced to a number of bishops. It seems to be their settled policy to ignore me which pleases me very much for I want a chance to do quiet work. My present quarters are very unsatisfactory having a 7 by 9 room and for which I pay \$7 per week. I can not hear of anyone willing to take a boarder. I do not say this complainingly but to show that no one is giving me a welcome. I have heard of but two liberals, one is an old drunkard, the other a rank spiritualist. These give me no moral support but will send their children to school and one of them offers to sell me a lot, if they will not sell me any that will suit better. I have found an one and one half acre lot which can be had for \$300 this is on main st. one block south of the meeting house a good location but the house is too small to hold any audience. I have found another lot also of equal size to the first with an old stone house which is shaped like a district school house but would need considerable fitting up before it could be used as a school house. As it stands the house and lot can be had for \$350 and fitting it for a school would cost \$150 thus for \$500 we could have a room that would do for a number of years and a lot on which if desired we could build a permanent church.

The first named lot would be the best if money was given us to build immediately, the latter if only but a small amount could be furnished at present. Will you please help us in presenting this cause to the churches.

Yours in the good work,

Arthur C. Cort.

P. S. A Josephite Mormon elder tried all day just to get a place in town to hold a meeting in Sab. but failing to do it he has left in disgust.

This shows that we must have a house of our own.

A. B. C.



Idaho Springs, Col.

June 26, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

To whom are we to look for the balance of Mr. Caruther's salary? The part that is pledged here I will see that is collected, but we have no knowledge of the donor of the remainder.

Mrs. Caruther died last Saturday, June 19th.

Church affairs are beginning to brighten. Mr. Caruther's seems to be interested and a worker. We all hope he will prove to be the man we need. We furnish ice cream, strawberries, etc on the 5th of July, the proceeds of which are to be applied to repairing the church building. If you could help us to a couple chandeliers either old or new we would be very thankful. We need them very much.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Mary J. Wilkins.

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23 Centre st, New York

June 26, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

There is a Mr. W. B. Robe at Neoga, Carl Co. Ills. who wishes for an employment in some Indian mission. He has a wife (Pres. of Ladies For. Missionary Society) a grown daughter beginning to teach, and a son of 15, large for his age. He himself has been Supt. of Public School in Neoga for 5 years and is S. S. Supt also - , so writes a good plain hand.

I wrote to his pastor Rev John W. Johnson, who speaks well of the family, but says he does not know what work among the Indians is and so does not know whether Mr Robe is qualified for it, but says he is quite popular as Principal of the public school - says Mrs Robe is a very superior lady.

I have written to Mr Johnson again about Mr Robe.

If all proves satisfactory how would he and family do for the Navajoe Boarding School? Is it necessary that the Supt. mentioned in your list of salaries to be paid by the Government should be a minister?

I am inquiring about various teachers as fast as possible.

It would be a nice thing if Mr Robe could be Supt. \$1000

Mrs. Robe, matron \$ 600

daughter as teacher \$ 720

\$2320

I am tempted to go myself only I am too old. I wrote the other day to know more about these Government schools.

Yours truly,

F. E. H. Haines.



Dr. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Bro:

Reached this place today at 11 A. M. Have been all over the town in a general way. Mr. Tidball not in reach at present time, nor any but Mr. Patterson may see him in the morn. Stumbled against a Presbyterian today, only one. The other side of this paper will show how far I am along on my individual work. Don't know how next Sabbath will turn out. Had an awful trip over the mountains. Must tell it to the folks in the east. Have written several of these posters bringing the matter to public notice. Met both the Methodist and Congregational ministers. It rather scared our little Congregational brother to know that I was striking for Presbyterian ground. Guess I know more people now than he, told him I would not harm him at all, we must all "work together".

Hope you are well.

Yours,  
Chas. M. McNulty.

P. S. If I need hymn books will the Board furnish them.

Notice!

On next Sabbath, June 27th, there will be church service at the store room of Mr. T. K. Wells, 2nd story of the building, south end of Main st. This service to be conducted by the Rev. Chas. M. McNulty appointed to this field and town by the Presbyterian church of the U. S.

Service to begin promptly at 11 o'clock A. M.

"Son remember".

Luke 16:25

Breckenridge, Col.

Pitkin, Col.

June 28, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

I reached here last Thursday. Had stopped in Poncha only to find Mr. Hamilton absent indefinitely so I pushed on to do the best I could. Started out at once to hunt up the Presbyterians here and by dint of a good deal of inquiry succeeded in finding three. I understand there are nine in all. Mr. Warren, a Methodist took a sort of census and found 9 Presbyterians, 4 Congregationalists, 12 Methodists and a number of Baptists. I preached twice yesterday to fair houses 30 or 40 and tried to get at some more members but none appeared. I shall make a canvass of the town today. Should have done so at first but supposed that when I got hold of one or two t'would be an easy matter to find the rest, but found it quite the reverse. They are completely segregated and no one knows anything of the other. Mr. Little



wife, and Mr. Wagoner are the three I've struck. Mr. L. is a fine man but quite conservative and does not favor an organization at present. Mr W. is not a permanent resident I fear.

Dr Torrey of New York is here looking up mines. Is a Presby'n, but is working for a union church. I think he mistakes the situation. A straight out Presbyterian church would take here just as well as the union idea. A leading Methodist told me he would contribute just as readily to a Presby'n church as to a union church. But Dr Torrey's influence is potential here and I reckon the union building will go up at once. In that case I shall put in my plea for one Sunday a month, or two if the people want it for I regard Pitkin as a very important point. True its fate is still in the balance but if Dr Torrey's report of the mines is favorable, eastern capital will flow in at once and there will be a boom.

Have visited some of the leading mines. The pop. of Pitkin is 1000 and upwards already. P.M has 2500 names enrolled many transient I reckon. I preached in a vacant store-room where some warm hearted Baptists helped me clean out and fix up. Never had more attentive audiences. Shall go to Gunnison to-morrow. I hear that Creegan organized Congregational church in Gunnison, Irwin and Gothic before I entered the field at all. If he has captured our Pres. members it will complicate the situation for me. However he can't preach every Sunday at all the places and we can divide the time and in the long run, the longest pole will knock the persinmons. I have got the start here save for this union business. Mr. Merritt had not reached when I passed through and Mr. Watker's folks knew nothing of his plans or whereabouts.

Living is fearfully high here and will be till the S. P. road is through which will be some time next year.

Very respectfully your servant in Christ;  
Chas. M. Shepherd.

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June 28, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I am about packed to start east. Think I can get started to the end of the road this week.

I wish to see you very much when I get to Denver. I have many things to say to you which I much prefer saying face to face. I do hope and pray another field may open up to me by the time I get my visit out in the east, ie after the Pan, Presbyterian Sept. 25th. I am ready to go to almost any post between the Rockies and the Pacific coast among English speaking people. However Colorado I love and the mountains are my native air. This country is advancing at a very rapid rate. I do not desire frequent changing but when it seems the Lord's Will, I try to submit. It seems the best in this case, not that the church here is not doing as well



ought to be expected and not that there is anything disagreeable, but the people can't see it so. They ask me to compromise beyond what I can do. I had rather step out.

If I don't see you, you write to me at Edinboro, Erie Co. Pa.

Yours in Christ,  
W. C. Beebe.

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23 Centre st, New York.  
June 28, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find receipt for \$14.52. for which please accept thanks. It is pleasant to receive gifts from the far distant Islands and to feel that the loyal christian hearts are every where, all interested in the great work committed to us in God's providence. The new year opens auspiciously.

Yours very truly,  
M. E. Royd.

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Salem, Oregon.  
June 28, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Dear Brother:

I was agreeably surprised on my return from a missionary trip after an absence of 15 days to find a copy of your book on Alaska awaiting me. Please accept my thanks. It adds largely to my knowledge of that land and as I intend to visit Alaska sometime, it will prepare me so that my visit will prove profitable.

The Salem church makes steady progress. Yesterday enough money was contributed to pay the debt which has rested on the church since its organization, and I expect enough more this week to put it in thorough repair, I remain

Yours,  
Robt. W. Hill.

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Hookstown, Pa.  
June 29, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Dear Brother:

I have read Mr. Schettler's letter with deepest interest. It has done much to make my way clear and to warm my heart for the work. He seems to write not from



police as one might at first suspect but from a sincere desire to do good. I write him to-day.

I have little to say just now, save that I am at work at my Spanish book and never enjoyed study so much. I have Ollen dorf's method. Of course I cannot get the pronunciation, exact till I get there. Mrs M. is also taking music lessons. She had never gone far enough to handle the keys sufficiently well to play in public worship, and is now taking lessons so as to be fitted better for this if called for in the future. I am also trying to learn myself to play. I understand music, but have never been able to play. Am feeling much better than I did and can work with much more ease. Perhaps it would not be amiss to ask what living we would have in San Luis. I made no inquiry as to that as I know that the Board will not suffer us to want. Ought I to correspond with Dr. Kendall. Can I in any way procure a half fare order for Mrs. M. as well as self? As it is understood she is going as a teacher. Perhaps she had better not take that rank just at once. I will write Mrs. Darley and get Mr. D's address if possible. I want to meet him, he may not remember me but I knew him at college. Pray for us, the Lord bless his work and use us all to His Honor.

Yours fraternally,  
W. W. Horton.

P. S. I sent you the order you gave me. It is only from Omaha to Denver. I can get half fare to St Louis, have an order for the year on that road.

W. W. M.

New York.  
June 29, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Dear Bro.

I enclose one of numerous letters from a Mr. Jones of Santa Fe, who is recommended by Mr. Riggle, our minister there, and by others. But not very descriminatingly (excuse the big word) unless Mr. Riggle be so regarded. He speaks highly of Mr. Jones, do you know him? Or would you recommend him? The Navajo Agency may soon become vacant, so I hear.

While my pen is in, I may ask you what you think of Mr. W. E. Taylor, of Monument, Col, whose name was sent to me some two weeks ago by the Rev. Chas. A. Taylor, asking his nomination to the Hoquis Agency, but too late. How would Mr. W. E. Taylor suit? With kind regards.

Yours very truly,  
John C. Lowrie.



Dundas, Minn.

June 29, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Friend:

I ought to have sent these things before, but I have not been well and neglected it for a few days. I had copied the most of the words for Mr D. and will send the copy as his papers are not arranged in a way that a stranger would understand them. There is a book for the study of Indian languages at Defiance in Mr Southerland's possession (or was when I came away) in which Mr. Angell had been collecting words. Mr D. gave him the book to use, and he left it there. Mr Kennedy might get that if it would help him any. There are no other papers that I think of except the copy of the contract. Mr D. had only got his orders from the Board the week before he was taken sick, and so had not done much about the school except to find out how things were.

I am so glad you have so soon got some one to go to Defiance, although we were there so short a time that seems more like home to me than any place else.

The half-fare permits came and I am much obliged to you for your kindness in getting them, although they were of no use. If I had thought of any one coming for me I would not have troubled you.

Yours truly,  
M. A.H. Donaldson.

Fargo, Cass Co. D. Territory  
June 30th, 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My dear sir;

Yours of the 24th, inst was received about an hour since and I herewith inclose you receipt as per request. I allow the retaining of the 93cts in my hands but suggest that I suppose you could secure the payment of your boxes through the 1st Nat. Bank, Fargo without charge.

Of course I cheerfully meet such requests of the professional fraternity; and as need shall require, shall be happy to serve you in any way that I can-

Yours truly,  
C.B Stevens P.T.O.

The emergencies of our Presbyterian work in Northern Dakota are very pressing. The field fairly belongs to us to the exclusion of our Cong. brethren if we can furnish the men and mean to develop it. A large element of our population is of Scotch



and Scotch Irish origin, direct, or very near. Of our American colonist elements the Presbyterian and Congregational are about equally divided with a comparative indifference to them which of the two kinds of churches shall be organized. To my mind the strong preferences of the Scotch Irish ought to settle the question which kind of churches shall be organized in our very new and weak communities. But the Congregationalists are greedy to plant churches here and have placed a man on the field occupied by us for the purposes of planting churches. I believe the work attempted by them is mischievous but know of but one way to forestall the mischief. If we can do our work with despatch we may defy all others. Can you in any way direct or indirect by suggestions in regard to laborers that can be obtained or in regard to ways to take to secure men? Help us along and aid us to meet the requirements of our work. Our cause is your cause. Our beloved church is your beloved church. And because you are on the frontier I know the hard difficulties of such work and your sympathies I fancy will be especially quick to prompt aid to a weaker point of our long frontier line of battle. Please use your great influence in our behalf and aid us in giving success to the cause of our common church, and Master.

With sincere fraternal regard, I remain

Yours Truly,

C. B. Stevens.

Gurinson, Col.

June 30, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:

I walked over herefrom Pitkin yesterday and found your letter of the 24th awaiting me. I had supposed that you were in N. M. or on your way east from there, so I wrote you from Pitkin and directed it to R. M. Pres, Cincinnati thinking it would reach you nearest that way. I have seen Mr. Jones and find him a pleasant gentleman. We are to lock up the lots as soon as possible. How about the title? Would the deed be given now or when we build? If not now what kind of a writing would answer for the present? Between whom will the contract be, Mr. Jones and the Board of Home Missions or Mr. J. and the trustees to be selected here? A Pres. minister from Scotland is here to preach Sunday, a Mr. Paterson. Don't know anything about him but will try and find out, will look up the Pres. members here if they are any also. The situation at Pitkin is very peculiar. Dr. Torrey a Pres. gentleman from N. Y. temporarily at P. has raised a subscription to build a church. His intention is to place this church under the control of the corporation of Pitkin, they to run it as a Union church or turn it over to some one denomination as they please, a State church you perceive. Dr. T. himself confesses



that the corporation are utterly unreligious and only by the motives of policy; yet he turns the church over to them rather than make it denominational. This course has I believe, satisfied no one of the religious bodies in P. They think as I do, that this scheme is not at all likely to advance the church cause in P. I have talked with Methodists and Baptists who say they had rather the thing were Presbyterian than nonescript and each avows a determination to erect a house of its own color as soon as possible. I think this will leave the corporation church high and dry except that religious rumps of all shades of belief will use it. The corporation knows that I wish to preach occasionally in the town and possibly they may offer the use of the church once a month or so. I did not oppose the project in any way as it seemed to me unprofitable. Dr. T's influence is very potential as he is sent out from N. Y. to look up the possibilities of the town and report to the eastern capitalists. I think he is a good man but an exceedingly poor Presbyterian. Without any sollicitation on my part two leading men of P. offered me money for a Pres. church. Mr. Sanborn a Baptist offered \$25. I did not know whether anything would come of it but thought no harm to accept, so took his written pledge to pay the above amount, when we should build. Haven't seen the Methodist min but think he is reliable. I have a list of nine names in P. which agree in number with Mr. Warren's census, but they are not all members, six or merely regular attendants and friendly. I visited nearly all of the houses. I think shall write to Mr. Hamilton and get some names and see if my list is as his.

Two courses seem open to me here, either to rent a house or buy a lot and build one. If G. is to grow rapidly, the latter course is better as rent will be very high. I have about decided where the church lots ought to be, on the west side of the principal street, a block or two from the business houses and on the north of town. Of course this is in east Gunnison. This would give a location convenient to both East and West Gunnison which are one half mile apart. I can't tell which town will grow up most but East G. is higher and has the start with the Court house and jail. The opinion here and among safe men at Pitkin is that this place will soon be second only to Denver and will be the great town of the S. W. of Col. From my limited observation I am inclined to agree. If this Mr. Paterson is all right I might as well go up to Ruby or Gothic Sunday and leave this place to him for that day, but if he is any doubtful character, I ought to stay and preach myself in the evening, it seems to me. Mr. Stout spoke of Dr. Kendall having told him to send to N. Y. an itemized bill of his travelling expenses to field. Ought I to do the same? I supposed you were in N. Y. so wrote to Mr. Kerr thinking he could direct me. I said nothing about it in D. and should not have mentioned it now but that living



expenses are higher than I had any idea of. Hence if I am to keep square with the world, I shall need not only my salary when it is due but the refunded travelling bills. If I fail to get a room or do not build, it will cost me \$50 per month besides washing. Have applied to Sanderson for minister's rates over his lines but have no answer as yet.

respects to Mrs. Jackson and friends. Hoping I shall be able to accomplish much here by Divine aid, I remain

Your servant in Christ,  
Chas. M. Shepherd.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.

June 30, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

I feel today in some respect as I did this time two years ago. That I feel very much alone and this is the way it happens. Dr. Corlies and his wife felt that there were so few people here in the summer that they ought to go to some other place for a while (perhaps Mr. Young has written all this to you) So last Tuesday week they started in a canoe to the Takoo country. I heard from them twice while they were on the way and they were gettin along nicely. I felt very sorry to see that dear little woman start off in the rain in a canoe to go such a long trip. It would take them five days if they had favorable wind. A few days before that Mr. Vanderbilt sent a letter to Mr. Young saying he was going to establish a store in the Chilcat country and wanted Mr. Dickinson to go right up and put up a building and then take charge of the store. Mr. V. suggested that he would take Mrs. Dickinson along and let her do missionary work. As the Roman Catholics were making arrangements to go up there it seemed providential for us holding the ground. So we all urged the matter and she got ready and they started the same morning. They were to meet Mr. Vanderbilt at Hamilton's Mill and go from ther up on his boat. The Grappler was lying at the wharf so Mr. and Mrs. Young and Miss Dunbar took the notion suddenly to go to Fort Simpson, and as the captain agreed to take the party very reasonably; they took six of the largest girls with them, all going off that evening. So I am left just where I began, alone. I look from our people back the last of this week. They are coming home in a canoe. I forgot to say the Corlies' expect to return in September. We ought to have a missionary to go right in there when they leave. I hope the missionary for Chilcat will come on soon. Mrs. Dickinson will be a great help to him. Mr. Young said you had pledged the support of anyone who might be sent to those points. Tillie is to take the place of Mrs. Dickinson as interpreter and will get the same salary she got.



I am very busy, but not so busy but what I feel very lonely. Now if she had some one to send to the Hydahs we would feel as if we were going to head the Roman Catholics off from all these points. There is one thing I want to write to you about confidentially. For many reasons Mr. Young has come to the conclusion that it would be better next fall to divide the school. That is to separate the boys and girls and I am of the same opinion. There are several reasons why we think it would be better. The most important of which I cannot write you. We both think it would be much better when the school is open in the Home to have only the girls there, but Miss Dunbar is bitterly opposed to it, I do not know whether she has written to you about it or not, I know she has written to Dr. Kendall. I do not know whether you will have anything to do about the matter or not, but you may by this time, and if you do I want you to favor the separation but don't let any person know I asked you to do so. I know it is nice for Miss Dunbar to have a large school and I think hers is a justifiable pride, at the same time I do not think she should feel so strongly about it, when we all feel that it would be for the best.

July 9th. The California came in early this morning. Brought me your letter written at Chicago. Yes, I know how trying it must be to you to have those papers do as they are doing, but I imagine they will be called to account from more than one quarter. I suppose you have read Dr. Young's article in the Banner. Mr. Young here intended to answer that piece this mail, but I presume will not do so now. I am sorry we did not get a Presbytery, but hope the Presbytery of Oregon will not have any further control over Alaska. Yes, it looks like Portland was supporting the mission here when Dr. Lindsay has involved poor Mr. Young as he has, inviting Shacks and Kadashan to go down there on a visit and then making Mr. Young pay their expenses \$150, Mr. Young has already paid that. The Board sent Mrs. Dickinson's money before she went away, I think I wrote you that in my last letter. It is too late now to do anything about the box. The ladies wrote to Mrs. Dickinson sending her a list of all that was in the box, and the box itself came this steamer and was sent on to Sitka to be taken from there on Mr. Vanderbilt's boat. Sarah Dickinson is in the Home. Our people arrived home from Fort Simpson on the 3th of July. They had a long tedious trip coming up in the canoe. That same day I had gotten up a 4th of July picnic for the Indians. There were five canoe loads started at ten o'clock. We went six miles down the coast to a beautiful place, where a fresh water stream came down. We had a nice lunch at noon (which was the most important thing with the Indians) There they had plays and foot races etc, until four o'clock when we started home singing all the way. The Indians ran races with their canoes which was very exciting. We got home safely for which I felt thankful.



Mr. Young and party arrived two hours after us. The Indians went down on the beach and sang as they came in giving them a cheerful welcome. I received the pictures of the girls. They are very nice and I thank you so much for them. I hope to get Mrs. Jackson's before long. You did not say but I supposed one of them was for Miss Dunbar. Thanks for publishing my appeal for a canoe. By the way how does it come you never published little Hattie's Obituary sent you by Mr. Young? They do not like it all, Mr. Young is sick but is writing to you or having Mrs. Young do it for him. There is no danger of Mr. Young doing any more business through Dr. Lindsley. He has gotten his eyes opened at last. It is strange your book did not come to us when the others came. I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Donaldson's death and how my heart aches for his poor wife. To be left alone away out there seems to hard. I suppose she will return to the east.

Much love to Mrs. Jackson and the children, I suppose I should say young ladies.

Sincerely yours,  
A. R. McFarland.

P. S. I wrote you that Mr. Cornwall had instructed the Purser to send my freight at half rates. But he is going to take it off me in other ways. I sent down for two bales of straw to fill beds. I paid \$2.86 for the straw in Portland and Mr. Hughes charged me \$22.80 for the freight on it. Did you ever hear such extortion?

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West Las Animas, Col.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

I expect to start for Poncha Springs inside of two weeks to take charge of that field. If you are acquainted there will you please send them a notice to that effect. Will try to reach there so as to preach the 3th Sunday of June. Please write me and give me what information you can with reference to the people etc.

Mrs. M. joins me in kind regards to you.

Your brother in Christ,  
J. L. Herritt.

P. S. The Assembly journal comes all right.

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July 2, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have yours of the 22d ult. So Bransby is disposed of.

2. Rideout, I think that is an outrage. We had already sent Boyd his money to go to Evans.



3. If we send Taylor to take Donaldson's place what do you want of Kennedy there?

4. Our idea about Santa Fe was that instead of paying Gilder-slieve \$250 to conduct a suit we had better try and see what \$250 applied to Brewers would accomplish. That is what you are to see about. Mrs. Thomas says Breeden is not the lawyer of the Brewer who now has the Brewery but the other one, since a dissolution of the partnership.

5. I expect to be in N. Y. all the latter part of July, unless two or three days when I must come up to Utica and marry a couple. Send me word when you can call.

Yours truly,

H. Kendall.

P. S. We have a report from Young on the Hyadahs. I expect to be in N. Y. all of this month.

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Virginia City, Nevada.

July 3, 1880

Dear Bro. Compton:

Yours is just at hand. I don't remember of having heard a word about what you request about McCullough and yet you may have written and the thing slipped my mind. I was not at the last meeting of the Pres. and hence know nothing what ever of the matter. I would be sorry if such a good brother as McCullough should suffer from a sheer technicality, for it is nothing else. I know Mr. McC. would be just the man for such a place but not being an official of Pres. I can do nothing. If any document is sent to me I will sign it.

I am sorry for you in relation to Elko but can do no more for either you or the place. It must now take care of itself for a while at least. We shall of course keep the Board posted as is our duty, but if it does not aid you sufficiently we cannot force it.

Truly Yours,

E. Graham.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico.

July 3, 1880

Thos. W. Keams,

Dear Sir:

I have had several conversations with Agt. Townsend since his return concerning the Navajos. He informs me that your name is prominently up for the Agency. I think we are agreed to favor your appointment with the understanding that you will lend your position and influence to forwarding the school interests.



I am authorized by the Government to take 20 Navajo children east to Carlisle Training school for education.

After consultation with Agt. T. I make you this offer, that if you will use your influence and secure the children, I will take you with me to Washington and return you hom at Government expense. And while at Washington will introduce you to the Department and favor your nomination. The Department would like girls as well as boys. They should be healthy and between the ages of 8 and 14. I hope to reach Wingate, Tuesday evening, July 5th. If you should be at the Post pleas await me there.

If you have an opportunity of sending to the Agency, ask Capt. Bennett to send the Agency transportation to Wingate for me.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson, Special U. S. Agent.

Colorado Springs, Col.  
July 3, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
My Dear Sir:

My son-in-law Rev. L. H. Murphy, has just returned from Gaboon, whither he went three years ago, to take the place of the late Dr. Bushnall,, while the latter should visit this country. In resuming home and pastoraal work he seems inclined to the west, and has written me a letter of inquiry concerning Colorado. I have not enough definite knowledge of this field to give him much information, or reliable advice. I told him I would drop a line to you, and if I learned anything important would let him know, or if you prefer to communicate directly with him, his address is Bordentown, N. J. I do not know whether you are acquainted with him, but I may say, he has proved himself a very active and effective man in both the home and foreign work. His pastorate in Chatfield, Minn. previous to his second mission to Africa, is an era of brightening and blessing in the history of the church.

Very truly I am yours,  
Willis Lord.

Indianapolis, Indiana.  
July 5, 1880

Dear Brother:

Herein I send you G. W. Schuther Cash check on New York No. 59207 for \$100 for use of the Home Missions in Alaska.

I have read your book on Alaska and am much interested



in the work there; and if you have other fields where you think it is needed more send it there.

Yours gratefully,  
W. N. Jackson.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.

Fort Wingate, N. M.  
July 5, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Special U. S. Agent.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 3d is just received and I thank you for kindness expressed toward me therein.

In regard to the education of the Navajo children it is a matter in which I from principle always have and will continue to take a great interest and give my hearty support. Will meet you at Defiance and render you all the service I can in the matter.

In regard to my accompanying you and the Navajo children to Washington, should it be to the interest of the Government as well as the earnest desire of the Indians I will endeavor to so fix my business here as to comply therewith.

Very truly yours,  
Thomas W. Kearns.

Gunnison, Col.  
July 5, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:

You spoke of supplying me with blank forms for petitions for church organization but they have not come to hand as yet. Now the Presbyterian of this city are very anxious to have an organization just as soon as possible and in view of the circumstances here it seems to me that the matter deserves immediate attention. You see the case stands thus: Mr. Creegan of the Congregational church came here as soon as our Mr. Gerhardt left claiming that the latter had abandoned the field and that it was therefore open to the Congregationalists. He accordingly organized a church and induced some of the Presbyterians to go in with them and I found matters in this situation when I came. I did not waste any words criticizing Mr. Creegan's actions but simply told the Presbyterians that our church was not to be held responsible for Mr. Gerhardt's course and that having been sent out here to preach and work for the organization of the church wherever possible, I should quietly go ahead.



Sunday I preached for the Methodist local and after service had the Presbyterians remain for conference. The result was the development of a strong desire for organization. At evening service the matter was again brought up and after a free expression of opinion all united in the request that a petition be sent to Presbytery for organization. Those members who had joined the Congregational church stated that they had done so with the distinct understanding that no Presbyterian church was to be organized at present and that whenever one should be started they should be free to join it. I consider the material of our membership here very good. Messrs. Thomas, Jones, McGregor, Fine, and Johnson are among the leading business men of Gunnison and the balance are nearly all property holders and likely to be permanent and useful citizens so far as I can judge. Thomas and Jones have both I think been elders in churches elsewhere. It is probable that I have not found out all the members yet and I shall look for more. I do not know enough of the Northern church order to be sure that the petition is regular or not, but deem it best to send it in at once. One you will notice, Mr. Struth is put down as intending to unite as soon as practical. He refers me to Mr. Stanley of Golden and says he was on the points of joining Mr. S's church when he decided to leave Golden. Mr. Thomas thinks we may count in more or less additions to the number of Pres. people every month and this seems an argument for early organization. I am trying to make arrangements for building me a house as soon as possible as that will reduce the cost of living. As it is now we cannot possibly stay here on less than \$50 per month or \$100 per man and wife but I can get a lot for a \$100 and build one room for \$200 more and this will answer for a kitchen to a larger house. Shall go up to Ruby this week if I can possibly manage it.

Very respectfully,  
Chas. M. Shepherd.

Gunnison City, Colorado.

July 5, 1880

We the undersigned Members of the Presbyterian Church and attendants, respectfully petition the Presbytery of Colorado to organize a Presbyterian Church at this place as soon as convenient.

Members

Theodore H. Thomas.  
W. J. Fine.  
J. W. Johnston.  
H. M. Jones.  
S. W. Stearns.

Attendants.

C. N. Sturdevant.  
Mrs. J. W. Cunnings.



A. S. Bradbury.  
 David McGregor.  
 Geo. A. Kellogg.  
 Mary E. Kellogg.  
 Maud E. Kellogg.  
 E. L. Bonwell.

The following will join as soon as church is organized.  
 William Strunk.

I heartily endorse the above petition. It is my conviction that the names subscribed represent good and efficient material for church work.

Very respectfully,  
 Chas. M. Shepherd.  
 Pres. Missionary to Gunnison  
 country.

Idaho Springs, Col.  
 July 5, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Mrs. Wilkins has just shown me a letter from you in which you say that I must look to the Board for my salary and the Board must look to Mr. Thompson. The Board has sent me a blank commission without either date or promise saying that Mr. Thompson was to pay my salary. The Board grants nothing but throws the responsibility on Mr. Thompson, Mr. Thompson is not here now nor do I know when he will be. But will say this of the Board or Mr. Thompson or somebody else don't guarantee and arrange for paying my salary I will abandon the field. If Mr. Thompson was to pay the salary why was it necessary to apply to the Board for \$400, and if the Board is not trying to shrink the responsibility why do they throw the burden on Mr. Thompson. Why do they not grant the amount asked. I have written to the Board telling the, of the case and my intentions.

The people have done and are doing what they promised and the prospects are good. They gave a festival yesterday, net proceeds over \$100, which they purpose to devote to the repairing of the church. But they will not commence operation until I have a guarantee that my salary will be paid. They don't want to repair the house to stand idle or to be used for other purposes.

Please let me hear from you.

J. S. Caruthers.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska  
 July 10, 1880



Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your two letters of June seventh, and June seventeenth reached me today. I am glad that we can frankly criticize each other without in the least impairing the good feeling existing between us. We all rejoiced to know that you are not left out of Alaska affairs, I have not time to look over the paper sent to Mrs. McFarland, but have seen enough to know the Assembly slightly favored your side. But in the beginning I must remark that the memorial drawn up by Mr. Lyons and myself to the General Assembly to be forwarded by you, simply requested that sufficient men be sent us to enable us to organize the Presbytery of Alaska, and did not suggest as an alternative that the ministers in Alaska be placed in connection with the Presbytery of Puget Sound. How did this clause get into our memorial? I am unfeignedly glad that you cannot be prevented from working for us, by the Presbytery of Oregon; I am glad the matter is decided, and that while it leaves me a member of the Presbytery of Oregon, it leaves the work unhampered by that Presbytery.

I shall not answer the points in your letter seriatim, as you did mine. But only notice a few. You are mistaken, if you think that all, or nearly all of the men in this place are enemies to this mission. We have many warm personal friends, and are constantly gaining more. We expect in the future to receive material benefit from them; and therefore deprecate anything being published that would either excite their ill-will towards us or hurt their feelings.

Having but recently returned from my trip to Fort Simpson and Metlakahla and having been disabled since my return by a severe dislocation of my troublesome shoulder, I have not been able to overlook your book as you requested.

I hope to be able to send a few comments by the next boat. The action of the assembly has made the dispute concerning the organization of the church, the official members of the party last summer, and kindred topics, a dead issue. Therefore we will let the matter rest. At least silence secured on the subjects hereafter. We have felt that there was a falling off of sympathy by those parties that hitherto were supporters. Your letter suggests the cause and I will not screen my relations. How can we rekindle the flame?

We had a most pleasant trip to the British Missions.

In both places we were treated with the greatest cordiality. In Metlakahla especially I found many suggestions some of which I hope to put in practise. I have sent some suggestions to the Board concerning the best plan to be adopted, should a mission soon be established among the Hydahs on Prince of Wales Island. Mr. Duncan heartily approved of my plan and urged it as the only one likely to succeed there. You are at liberty to obtain my letter and publish anything you see fit.



By building a new town at a point not far from the Hydah villages, and at the same time holding services, and working in all those places until the people could be gathered into one town. A second Metlakahtla perhaps with some improvements might be established provided we could station there the right sort of a man. The Hydahs themselves are eager for just this kind of a mission. They seem to be anxious to have a mission that is self supporting and have a town that is entirely American. The out lay need not be great, the missionary there should be appointed a magistrate. Perhaps the gentleman recommended by you would be just the man for appointment. That should be the next place supplied after Chilcat. We must occupy both places soon or the Roman Catholics will take them. The Hydah country is better situated than either Metlakahtla or Fort Simpson in regard to locality and Indians. Mr. Blayney has written to me, asking many questions. I have replied fully urging him to come and settle at Chilcat. These places held, and we have secured almost all of Alaska that is important for mission work. From these missions as centres, the neighboring tribes can be easily reached.

We spent a Sabbath at Fort Simpson, I baptised Mr. Crosby infant daughter. The girls of the Home (We took with us the six eldest) never had so much respect and attention paid them before. Our whole party left Fort S. Tuesday with warmest regard for Mr. Crosby and his people. Stopping at Fort Tongas we found the two principal chiefs Konanook and Elbert but few of their people. We stopped there one day and I held two services in Kinninhook's house. The Tongas people want instruction but are reluctant to receive it from Fort S. They claim to be Boston men and want no King George. This tribe has for some years rapidly declined in numbers and I believe in moral character. It is a principal point for the manufacture and sale of Hoochenoo, but some noble people still belong to them. One woman instructed at Mettakkattak holds a little Sabbath school every Sabbath but complained that the people would not listen to her. The chief gave the number of people now living in this town as one hundred and fifty two, adding to this number those of the village of Cafe Fox (some forty miles up the coast) and those residing at Fort S. and this place the tribe will probably number about three hundred. We mean to try to evangelize them first by native teachers. The public buildings at Fort S. are good. They were bought by Koshland and Bros. of Portland for \$500, in any eligible place they would be worth that many thousand. I suppose they could be bought very cheap. We had head winds almost all the way to Ft. W. and were eleven days making the voyage. We nearly ran out of provisions and the last two days lived almost entirely on venison and coffee, the latter without milk or sugar. The weather was beautiful but hot and faces and hands of whites and Indians were all of a color.



We reached home the third of July, the ladies were satisfied with canoeing. I wrote you of Mrs. Dickinson's departure to Chilcat, our latest word from her reported her at Hoochinco where her husband was helping Mr. DeGroff build a store. They expect soon to go on to Chilcat. We hope you will be able to secure her support. Her box arrived on this steamer and has been forwarded on Hamilton's schooner. Several Chilcats who were recently in Ft. W. have promised to aid and uphold her in her missionary efforts. She needs primers, First Readers, and cards for beginners. A late word from Dr. Corlies reports that he and Mrs. C. have opened a school with fifty pupils at the mouth of the Takoo river. They live in a tent and will follow the Indians to their salmon fisheries. On account of my illness I will be unable to send you the accounts you requested. But as I stated to the Board twenty five hundred more will be needed to pay the debt on the Home if it is fully completed. I am put in a very distressing position by these debts, they have been contracted by the command of the Board, but the money so far has been withheld to pay them. The work has been done as economically as possible, but the costs have far exceeded the estimate of last summer. Hamilton and Fountain who have furnished one hundred and six thousand feet of lumber, three fourths of which were for the Home, have an unpaid bill of eight hundred dollars and are needing the money. The Portland and freight bills which have been enormous were settled just as the money was all sent to Dr. Lindsley, but the workmens accounts and store bills here have not been settled, and these are all pressing upon me. I would have had the work all stop till the funds were on hand had it not been the express order of the Board for the work to go on. Will it be asking too much on your interest in the work here to ask for an additional appeal to set this noble institution at work, free from debt. Dr. Kendall urges me to go up to Chilcat again this summer in order to hold that field till a missionary can be sent. I am willing to do this work laborious as it is if my expenses can be defrayed. But such expenditures cost me more than I can afford from my salary. As yet the Board has done nothing toward canceling the expenses of former trips. I need a good canoe for missionary trips, could not the church furnish me with one for missionary work, as the Methodists church have done for Mrs. Crosby. It would be for the work of the church not mine.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Your brother in Christ,  
S. Hall Young.



Report of the Park's Plan Mission Band, from April 10th to July 10th, 1880.

Just before Park Place sewing school closed, our President read to us a letter from a lady in Santa Fe, New Mexico asking help from us who had plenty to give. Hearing this letter read some one suggested, why can't we help them by raising money in our society. This was wisely acted upon, for immediately all the little girls were ready to do what they could. Our President then told us to bring our pennies and papers and things. We could organize a society.

One Saturday afternoon April 10th, 1880, we met in the Chapel to form a Missionary Band, to be called the "Who-so-ever will." Four officers were elected; Miss Lizzie Core, President, Miss Lucy Blahy, Vice-President, Miss Mary Ruxton, Secretary and Miss Ada Bell, Treasurer; to act under the direction of an Ex-Committee of four ladies. We met every two weeks for four months. We always enjoyed the meetings, for not only did we have a social time, but we sewed some, and made articles, which were afterwards sold. On the average we had 17 members present each week, until July 10th, 1880. We closed our meetings by holding a picnic on the grounds around the chapel. This was a delightful affair, the little ones eating outside, the ladies in the chapel.

Our work during the summer proved a great success, because we raised so much more money than we expected. This amount to be given for the support of a lady teacher in the west.

Mary Ruxton,

Sec., age 11 years.

October 5, 1880

Treasurer's Report.

Received for the "who so ever will", Band of Parks Place since April 10, 1880, \$50

Sent to Mrs. Boyd, Treas. Woman's Excommittee, for the same Band, to be applied to the support of a teacher in the Home mission field at the west. \$50

Ada Bell, Treas.

Parks Place Band of Home Missions.

Rawlins, Wyoming.

July 10, 1880

To Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed please find a certain photograph which claims though unworthy of the office, to represent one of the pioneers of Presbyterianism in the Rocky mountains. I have yours in our album. Kind regards to your good family.



We have had more sickness during the past winter and spring than ever since we came into the country. Mrs. H. had two spells of mountain fever, she is now at our hot springs at Fort State and has recovered her strength quite well and May is better than she has ever been - "Lassa Dal".  
I find my ecclesiastical year rapidly drawing to a close.

In reviewing the history of Rawlins, I find only one known conversion in four years. See history that I have visited all the families in the county of Carbon north of W. P. P. and west of the Albany county line and found not one family that could be called a religious family. The only two persons I found with whom religious conversation was at all natural, were two Roman Catholic women. Most of the ranchmen prefer Atheism and all practice it. I have now within the past year, travelled on horseback from Gibbon, Neb. to Rawlins and have been in most of the section houses on the road and made a tolerable examination of matters. Many of these houses swarm with children to whom every Sabbath is silent bringing no religious light or knowledge to them. I fear that all along our great national thoroughfare, that we are all so proud of, there is a crop of Atheism growing for some future evangelist to weep over and to labor in vain to bring to light. Yet the Lord knows the matters far better than we.

I received the Gen. Assembly Journals. Much thanks.

Yours in the Gospel,  
Wm. E. Hamilton.

Elko, Nevada.

July 12, 1880

Rev. and Dear Bro:

The delay in answering your letter has been greater than I anticipated. I have been waiting to hear from Rev. R. McCulloch and the Pres. of Sacramento, the former did not get my letter till a few days ago and could not reply. The Pres. was to have a special meeting on the 16th ult. and I asked them to sign a document in favor of McCulloch, or some one else if they had any preference, so far I have had no answer. The Pres. is proverbially slow and I may wait all summer. I wrote to Graham who is a live man and enclose his reply, I enclose also a slip from the paper, also McCulloch was some months with the Indians on the Reservation, and could do better by them than any man among us so far as I know and if he would take hold would do well and I think he would accept an appointment, though I have had no specific answer to my inquiry from him. I hope he may be appointed and that he will accept and go right to work.

In haste  
Your brother,  
A. J. Compton



P. S. I have sent your most letter to Rev. R. McCulloch and expect a definite reply in a week or two, he is a 100 miles away and off the mail route. I will write you again as soon as he is heard from, and if you do not hear from you within three weeks you had better not delay sending a man. I wish an able man with a small family could be found to take hold of the work here as we wish to go east by Oct. 1st. there is over \$400 worth of furniture in the parsonage which any brother can has for \$225 and have a very comfortable home. We are compelled on account of my wife's health to go where we can have help in the house.

In haste.

Very truly your brother in Christ,  
A. J. Crompton.

Sitka, Alaska

July 12, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your kind letter was received also your pictures, for which accept thanks. We gave one of the pictures to Miss Austin. She says she will have it framed and hung in her school room. We congratulate you that we have not given over to the Synod of Columbia. Hope we may soon have men enough to have a Presbytery. If Mr. Blayney goes to Chilcat, we shall only need one more man. Some one has said something to me indicating the possibility of Mr. Reid of Victoria uniting with us to form a Pres. I had a very kind letter from Mr. Reid this steamer, and he asked if I thought any men would likely be sent to Alaska. He said that his son who is a minister in England and who has been suffering for sometime with his eyes had been recommended to engage in mission work as a relief and might possibly come to the coast. I think Mr. Reid will visit us sometime this season. Mr. Brady and I have been looking about for a good location for entering the land you spoke of and we can have that attended to in a very short time.

I think if we had our work arranged so as to practically benefit the Indians to some extent it would do some good. I hope you may succeed in securing the Industrial school soon. When I was at Wrangel, Mr. Young spoke to me at different times about trying to get Indian girls from here to go to the Home there and that he thought that Home should be sufficient for all this part of Alaska, and things should be made to tend toward making there an industrial school. He asked me to write making mention of this idea. It seems to me a good idea, and if all the Indians could be induced to look at it as weight it would be different. As he said the expert of the Home there had been such that he thought it should be made thus the centre as it were.



I have not written any yet for the public promulgating this idea. I thought it would not be wise for me to write much on any subject until I had become more experienced. So far as I have been able to see these are my motives. It certainly would not be wisdom to undertake such expensive enterprises at every mission, or indeed at any unless it seemed really a necessity and this expense having already been incurred at Wrangel that should be made to answer for the object of its erection for all Alaska if possible. But if the Indian children of Sitka could be taken to Wrangel to the Home, the children of Wrangel could have been brought to Sitka where buildings were already erected and could have been obtained free and thus expense avoided. The fact is the children of one place are not willing to go to another. When we came to Sitka, Col. Bell and I both intended to try and induce as many of the girls as we could to go either to the Home at Wrangel or to the Government school at Portland or Forrest Grove as we were asked to do by Mr. Young. As soon as the Col. made any mention of the matter quite a number of the girls that were attending Miss Austin's school were kept at home by their parents for fear they would be taken to Portland. The Col. finally made them understand they would not be taken to P. unless they wished to go themselves. Another disadvantage. If some had even gone willingly and anything should have happened to them, a demand would have been made on us for blankets, food or run whichever seemed more expedient. It seems to me that what ever is done for these Indians can be done better here and I do think an industrial school would be the way. The work would have to be done slowly of course, the way all lasting work is done, but finally we could have to have homes not a home. When a man washes his shirt he does not run then back into a plowed field to fill their soul with dirt, and so I don't think that any Indian washed by the blood of the Lord Jesus should be turned loose again into all the filth and temptations of an Indian ranch. If anyone succeeds in turning another from the sin of intemperance his aim is to keep him from every temptation to drink. On the principle I think it reasonable to act with the Indian. On our trip to the Hydah one man said the Indians could not be much better while so many of them lived together in the same house. His idea seemed to be that one of the first things for them to do was to build new houses, which he said they were ready to do as soon as some one would show them and they had a chance to buy lumber. I think if we get the industrial school we will have a basis, and in our work to be able to show that "Godliness is profitable" and to the things of this world as well as the world to come. I would be glad to see the school at Wrangel and will do everything I can if I can be persuaded that that is the best thing to do. Whatever will be best for the blessing of souls and the glory of Christ we shall attempt with all our might.



Capt. Beardslee suggested that it would be well for the mission to take steps toward securing the ownership of the Hospital building. Mr. Brady and all of us think it would be a good plan. You remember where it is near the residence of the Greek priests. One of the nice locations in the place I think. There is a good garden. I hope something can be done to secure it.

By the way, I showed Capt. Beardslee the Banner that has the article in "about Alaska" stating that your zeal had carried your judgement captive. (I wonder how much zeal would be necessary to captivate Bro. Allison's judgement) I guess the Capt. thought that it would not take much. He wrote a letter which he intended to send you, that I wish every reader of the Banner could read. I hope you may get it into the hands of the Banner some how in whatever it is published. You wished some of us to write something for the R. M. Pres. each month and we will try and do so hereafter. I am afraid there will not be much chance this time. There are so many other things I wished to mention to you and I did not know whether you cared for any reference to the industrial school project being made in a letter for the paper. I will try and write a little more and wish you would use your judgement about publishing it. If you think best and have time you can make up a better article for what facts we may all state. We are all hurried, this steamer is not going to stay by this time. I have hurried so much that I don't know but I have told things twice.

Mrs. Lyons joins me in kindest regards for yourself and family.

Truly,  
G. W. Lyons.

Sitka, Alaska  
July 12, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of the 7th ult came to hand yesterday. Mr. Lyons called my attention to the article which you enclosed. He showed it to Capt. Beardslee and the result is that the Capt. has written you a letter which will demolish Allison.

Matters here are in an expectant state. The expert who has been here for the past month goes below by this boat to make his report. He imparts no information whatever. There is another mill on its way from San F. but I don't know upon what ledge it is to be put on. The fish were never better than they are now for they are numerous, red, and fat. Mr. Lyons and I walked over the ground which we thought that it would be well to locate for an industrial school. It lies north of their town toward the cannery. We did not file any claim because there is no immediate danger.



We are here to know every move that is made. I have read your book and noted many passages to comment upon, but will only say now that chapter III is most objectionable. On page 115 in the paragraph beginning "All through that vast land &c you go too far." The woman here enjoys a high position among her people. You are inclined I think to be very strong in your statements. The general make-up of the book, will I believe please the public. The cuts are good and numerous. If you revise the book before another edition is issued, I should advise you to leave out much that you have quoted and insert new material up to date.

I have heard nothing of the man for Chilcat.

We now have a weekly prayer-meeting here.

The Austins are well. The school is now held in the hospital. It would be well for the Board to secure this property.

Dr L. is an irreconcilable. When he opens his mouth he puts his foot in it. I can hardly exercise christian charity toward him.

I send you a few words about the shager by this mail and will keep at it till I have done with him.. It is through this fellow that you can make known the power of witchcraft over the people.

Yours sincerely,  
J. C. Brady.

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Naples, N. Y.  
July 12, 1880

Dear Bro:

I am making my arrangements to go to Miles City, Montana, and hope to be on the field by the 1st of September. I cannot arrange my matters east before that time. Write me as soon as you can. Any suggestions will be gladly received.

Yours fraternally,  
W. L. Austin.

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Ruby City, Colorado.  
July 12, 1880

Dear Brother Stanley:

Yesterday, a Congregationalist minister by the name of Cross, from Colorado Springs, preached here in the forenoon, and claimed the ground by right of having made prior effort to establish a church, and having preached the first sermon here. The Methodist, Warren was also here; and though I do not like to give attention to anything so nearly approaching secular work on the Sabbath, they had counted their forces and tried to effect a vote to establish their respective churches here, and "have all christians unite with them in establishing a church." I had to work about an



hour and a half after service, to secure a fair representation and on fair grounds. The chairman (Rev. Cross) excluded me from the committee, notwithstanding I stated I had been raising subscriptions for building and taken some steps to obtain a minister. I exhorted the two committee men, however, of our denomination (who had shown signs of weakening) and put in their possession facts and an array of names which caused the committee to report in favor of a Presbyterian church. We, Craven and myself, have decided on a church lot and have it subscribed for the erection of a Presbyterian church and have \$250 or \$300 subscribed towards its erection. We half concluded to put up a large tent, with plain seats, secure a minister and let him work up the building a permanent building. We could erect such a tent now, but I favor putting every dollar in a permanent, comfortable (even in winter) building; and shall seek subscribers as fast as I can to that end. A minister on the ground to preach twice on Sabbath and organize a Sabbath school and visit the people could do a good deal better than Mr. Craven and I. For instance who voted for a Congregational church yesterday, passed around the hat and collected \$12 for Mr. Cross. Mr. Warren is going ahead to build a Methodist church and, last evening called for all christians and others who favored Sabbath Schools to come out next Sabbath and organize one, which, of course would be Methodist.

Please try to have a man of the right kind sent in here at once. Rev. Sheldon Jackson is said to be in Mexico, and to communicate with him, and secure an appointment through him, would consume more time, than it seems to me ought to elapse before we have active christian effort inaugurated here. Please give me the result of your views on the subject. If our progress is published in Wednesday's Pilot, I'll mail you a copy. Please inquire for my mail. I have received nothing from Golden for ten days.

Regards to Bro. Wallgreen.

Respectfully and truly yours,  
R. H. Sloan.

Del Norte, Col.

July 13, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Last Sunday I preached in Alamosa, and now I think I will report.

You will be surprised to learn that there is not a member of the church in Alamosa. Every one who has belonged has gone away. Some may join, as to that I do not know. It is the worst place I ever saw. There ought to be preaching there every Sunday, and some wish me to go there to make my home.



But I am well located here and cannot endure that place. This place, Del Norte is about expiring, there are enough here to work with if they can be interested, but they do but little in support of a minister. I am living in a hotel. It is a good one, good board cannot be had at a private house. We pay at the rate of six hundred dollars a year.

I am obliged, as you remember I wrote you, to furnish my family one hundred dollars a year. I don't yet see how I am to pay all my necessary expenses with only the other three hundred. I must either keep a horse or go by stage, and stage fares are six dollars a trip besides whatever board I have to pay. I saw Mr. Sanderson and tried to get a reduction but he will make none. These places, neither of them will furnish, "an intelligent congregation in a growing town" which you remember I was promised. I have not seen a man who thinks that either place will grow. I am well contented to remain here for a time as I enjoy it. But I wish you would give me permission to preach here every Sabbath or if you cannot let me do that I wish you would permit me to accept something from the people to pay my travelling expenses or for keeping house. The distance between the places is thirty five miles or about that, instead of twenty five as you thought. I think they will do more than to pay my travelling expenses and board whatever that costs I ought not to credit to the Board. From what was said I had to reason to expect places so far apart. I would like to have the two near together and I would be ready to go as far as it is to Amos and pay all of my expenses if I could but it is not possible.

Yours in Christ,

Francois Evans Stout.

Conejos Co., Conejos, Col.

July 14, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir: -

It is sometime since Miss Ross sent me your letter in reference to going to Mesilla, N. M. I have not been able to decide to go. If it were near I could decide more readily. Mr. Darley wrote Miss Conway, before the meeting of the Pres. to tell me to go to San Rafael and open a school and he told a man in Conejos that he had started a school here (San Rafael) I was informed that the brethren were all on their ranches and it would be useless to come. The first Sabbath of June San Marzobaris was at Cenicero and inquired when I could come when I answered any time a day was set and he came from me just one month ago, Thursday, on Saturday I was interviewed by four men who I supposed were pillars in the church but afterwards found that they were equally divided two R/ C's. and the others Protestants, on the elder who attended the



meeting of the Pres. these latter informed me that I could not teach religion in the school. I informed the elder that the money he brought from Pres. for my school must be returned as the church contributed only to church schools. He told me that I could quietly do certain things, but they shall not have that money. I fear they think that they have established a school, one man gives me school room, kitchen and room for myself and the elder moved me and made me a little table of my own lumber. There are no brethren here yet. I have two big boys, one a son of Sen. Gomez, the other a grandson, they are good young men, both church members. I have six others. I felt like leaving every day for more than two weeks, but thought perhaps it was the Lord's doings and I ought to do the best I could in the circumstances, and wait to see what could be done. I open school with reading the Scripture, The Lord's Prayer in their language and intend to teach them to sing hymns and catechism to the Protestants. I keep a supply of tracts and catechisms on my little table to offer to visitors. One old man who took two remarked that he wished all his grand children to learn to read, so they could read the Bible he is not a protestant.

One day very soon after I came here a stranger from Chamita, Rio Arriba Co. N. M. came to inquire for a minister to baptize six converts. Sen Montoyo had given his father a New Testament and some little books and the father, three or four sons and the wives of the two, perhaps wished to be baptized and a brother to be married. I wrote to Mr. Kerr stated clerk of the Presbytery and to Mr. Gage, but no one could come and after waiting more than two weeks they returned home it was very sad. I wrote to Miss Shields to tell Mr. Montoyo but the journey across the mountains was difficult. They followed the Rio Grande. I was informed that a minister who was a native of Bogd. and spoke the language was coming until the arrival of Mr. Horton but he has not come or I know nothing. These people greatly need instruction, extemporaneous prayer is almost unknown, a prayer composed by a boy in S. America being used constantly and is divided so as to make enough for several men.

Excuse the length of my letter.

Yours very respectfully,

Elizabeth B. Smith.

P. S. I received the R. M. Pres. do not know whether my aunt renewed subscription for it, she was ill if she has not, I shall pay for it. Perhaps it would be best to look for a teacher to help Miss Ross and not depend on me.

E. B. S.



Gunnison, Col.  
July 15, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Hope you received the letter and petition. The members here are very desirous that you should come down if any one is sent to organize a church here. Since I sent the petition I have found five more men, making 16 in all. How permanent they are I cannot tell. One is Hon. P. M. Housel who says he knows you. Came from Boulder I think. I hope he will settle here. Have good audience and everything is bright.

Respectfully,  
Chas. W. Shepherd.

Mesilla, N. M.  
July 16, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My Dear Bro:

I have been trying to secure a building that will answer for school and church but have not succeeded. I think our only way will be to purchase land and build. If we had only \$500 I think I could purchase a property that will be valuable to us. There seems to be none who will give us land and no one that will rent. For myself I rent a room at the hotel for \$10 per month with permission to cook in the wash house at the hotel, it is the best I can do at present. I do not like this way of living but will try when we secure building for church and school to secure house for self. I preach in the Court house every Sabbath evening and at Los Cruces in the morning. I have more hopes of Mesilla than of Los Cruces. There is one matter which I wish to be informed about as that is as regards teacher at this place. Do you expect to charge pupils per month and if so what terms? Some are willing to pay, some are not able. The public school started last month for two or three months but most if not all of the Americans will send to our school. What time had we better open school? If we can do no better I will try and build adobe building myself that will answer for school and church. Our attendance at this place at preaching services are good. Have you secured a teacher, if so who, and when may we expect her? I have written to Dr. Chester, Washington, D.C. to see if they will support a teacher. I have written to some friends to see if we cannot secure money enough to build with. Have not received any reply as yet, hope however to hear from them all in a few days.

My family do not like the place, but am well pleased myself as soon as this Indian trouble is over I think they will be more satisfied and especially when we get into a



house by ourselves.

We need five hundred dollars, we could thus build a very comfortable church. Is there no one who will aid to this amount.

Yours truly,  
Thomas Thompson.

Zuni, New Mexico.  
July 12, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

With gratitude to God I have the honor to say that Agt. Thomas left Zuni this noon with two boys and two girls from Zuni.

We are sorry to miss seeing you but know just how full of work you must be. I very much wanted your counsel in starting on a house. Now I propose to build, of stone, a new dwelling house and to make a cellar under one room and make it a story and a half of stone.

Your Brother,  
T. F. Faly.

Zuni, New Mexico.  
July, 17, 1880

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have given up seeing you on this trip. Thought I had better let you know what my plan is as soon as possible. Now the ice is fairly broken in Zuni we have born the burden and heat of the day and if it is the Lord's Will we would like to be honorably discharged or relieved from future duty after Sept. 30th, 1880

Could you have a man with possible with a knowledge of medicine and in every way qualified to carry on the good work without any break, and in, order to do this I now ask that a man be sent to Zuni, six months before I leave in order that I may help him in the study of the language and ways of the people. Then it will be as if no break had been made. I can teach a man in six months what it has taken me nearly two years to learn. I speak of this matter in time so that you may be able to select a suitable person.

The going away of the children have bound the people closer to us and we love them more for what they have done. One little girl who wanted to go, was hid away by some relatives the morning we wanted her. One boy about 21 years, who claimed to be the brother of one Jose who went almost begged to go. He is a very pious young man. I told him that perhaps some good people after little would sent for him. His name



is "Pasqualita."

Your brother,  
T. F. Haly.

Denver, Col.  
July 18, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Now leave Denver, staid here over Sabbath. Mrs. Jackson tells me that Mr. Matter backed out of remaining in Brackenridge where he was sent. Now I ask if possible that you send me there. I want the place and no backing out. I would address Mr. Storms of that place in order to then thinking the field deserted but Mrs. J. could not remember his initial. Will you be kind enough to write them to write me at Edinboro, Erie Co, Pa. and tell me if I can go to Brackenridge. It is just the place I want. I wish to return without doubt to Col. after the Pan Presbyterian. You know what I once said to you on these matters. If I can't get a charge among English speaking people on the Pacific coast, I must seek some where else which I do not want to do. If necessity urge it I can shorten my visit for any needy field. Take the train this morning for Omaha to St Cloud, Minn.

Yours in Him,  
W. C. Beebe.

Idaho Springs, Col.  
July 19, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson:

Dear Brother:

I regret to be compelled to write you that Mr. Carnithus is a failure. We had charity for him in his affliction and hoped a little time and rest would bring him to the work in earnest. But it does not, his chief interest seems to be in his salary. His sermons are very long, dull, dry, representing the terrors of the gospel instead of the love of Christ and aside from the few who are especially interested and feel bound to stand by the cause the people will not listen to him the second time. They call him the "brimstone preacher". He has had a good show if he had been suitable for the place. The few of us interested have worked hard to make the cause a success. We have hired an organist and been to a great deal of trouble to have good singing and have succeeded so far that it is the best in town. And in every way done all we could to draw an audience, but it is of no use and last night he put the finishing touch on what



was bad enough before. He has a little boy six years old that he has no control over what ever. After the service had commenced the boy commenced crying for his father to go home with him. The lady having him in charge tried to quiet him but to no effect, finally he went to his father, he called a boy to take him out. The child told his father he would n't go with him and commenced kicking and striking the father, telling him he would and wouldn't and screaming at the top of his voice. This he kept up for about half an hour when Mrs Ashmore succeeded in coaxing him with candy out of the house a part of the audience left in disgust, and the remainder were so indignant they could hardly keep still. Mr. Caruthers spoke of it afterwards as if he did not think it anything to be disturbed over, or out the way.

If we had the right kind of a man there is no reason why we should not have a full house and do well. But as it is we can do nothing. Now should you think best to change, give us a single man if possible for Mr. Jackson will give table board to such which is clear gain in way of a salary, but cannot be utilized in any other way. But by all means do not let us have another vinegary faced fellow. But one whose heart is full of the love of Christ, who will preach that love with earnestness and zeal both in the desk and out.

We set tables for the excursion on the 5th inst and cleared one hundred and ten dollars for which we will paint paper the inside and paint and blind the outside if possible.

The Methodists hold services in the Pavilion They commenced their church this week I believe.

Should you think best to remove Mr. Caruthers and not send in aman in his place would it not be well for you to authorize Mr. Wilkins or myself to look after the building, otherwise it will be used as it has been in the past by every show that comes along free of charge and soon not fit for worship.

I have written you of the state of things according to your request. Please retain my name in the matter.

Very truly in sister in Christ,  
M. J. Wilkins.

Laguna, New Mexico,  
July 21, 1880

Dear Friend Dr. Jackson:

We surely thought you would have come our way this time, but are again disappointed. I suppose you will have returned to Denver by the time this reaches you. Do you intend to come to Presbytery meeting? I do not know yet whether I can go or not. Miss Mary L. Perry and Anna and Tessie Menaul will want to start from Knoxville about the 27th of



September. Please try and get and send them reduced fare tickets. Neither of the children are twelve yet. Mary and I are pretty well. The work moves on as usual. Two Indians has been added to the church, one at each of the last two communions.

Let us hear from you.

Yours in christian love,  
John Menaul.

Idaho Springs, Col.

July 21, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Since I wrote you some things have come up I would like you to know. Mr. Caruthers has had Mr. Mathews under his wing for the past two days and last eve, Mr. Mathews Mrs. McCoy, and Mr. Shapp came here and wanted I should give them the money we have raised for the repairing of the church to Mr. Caruthers so he could pay his bills and leave for the east. I objected on the ground that the money was not raised for that purpose and that we had no right to appropriate it so. But told them that if they would circulate a paper among ourselves would do my share toward sending him out of town. As far as footing his bills, I felt I was not responsible for we owe him nothing. He has preached eleven sermons conducted two prayer meetings. He has received board for two months. Mr. Jackson advanced him twenty five dollars at the time of his wife's death as his part of the salary for five months. The amount of the other subscriptions collected for the month of June was ten dollars, besides doing a great deal for him by the way of watching in his wife's sickness, and now to ask that we foot his bills (Mr. Mathews denies Mr. Caruthers asking for this) and send him out of town is a little too much. What will be done in reference to it I cannot tell. One thing is certain all are anxious he should leave, and the call is for a McCallister and a single man. If Mr. McCallister is not permanently located I think he would do well to come back here for a couple of years.

Now if you cannot fill the desk at once isn't it best for you to write Mr. Wilkins giving him charge of the house and power to collect rent if it is used, otherwise our society being a milk and water set will let the Methodists have it while they are building free of charge and it will be soiled and unfit for our own use when we want it.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mary J. Wilkins.



Poncha Springs, Col.  
July 22, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Your kind letter from Santa Fe of the 17th came to hand this morning.

We left West Las Animas on the 14th of June and reached here in time to preach at Poncha Springs the last Sabbath of June. The Sabbath that we were on the road I gathered a congregation of about 30 persons at Beaver Creek, twenty miles below Canon City, and preached. The people seemed pleased to have services. The second Sabbath after coming here, July 4th I preached at Arborville, and Maysville, the first place 11, and the other, 6 miles up. There I found Brother Adams a Congregational minister at work. He had organized a Congregational church at Maysville, gathering in what Presbyterians there were in the community, so I did not have another appointment.

The next Sabbath I preached at South Arkansas in the morning Poncha Springs in the evening. A congregational minister had visited South Arkansas after I put my notice in the paper for services, but did not meet with much encouragement. I announced to the people that I would organize a church there next Sabbath if the way be clear. Have visited there since I preached and have found 15 persons who will join in the organization of a church there. Five of them belong to the church at Poncha Springs. There may be others there who may join in the organization. I will take Brother Gage, who is rusticiating at Poncha Springs, with me, and we will organize next Sabbath. This is a live town and one of those cases in which it will not do to wait till Presbytery meets before organizing.

Last Sabbath I preached at a new town at the mouth of Chalk Creek in the morning and at Browns Creek in the afternoon. Nathrop, the new town at the mouth of Chalk Creek, is on both railroads, and I think will be a good point. There is no one else preaching there as yet, so I left another appointment. I heard that Brother Bliss was up on Chalk Creek somewhere, but I did not find him out. All the other new towns up on Chalk Creek are occupied by other denominations.

If the way be opened, I will plant a Presbyterian church at Nathrop this fall, perhaps before the meeting of Presbytery.

Have not yet visited Cleora, but I think that town will become emerged into South Arkansas unless a railroad starts from that place, for the Gunnison county, in which case it will be a rival of South Arkansas, and we may have to organize a church there. I will watch future development.

I have made the acquaintance of Mr Moll. I sought him out. He did not make himself known till afterwards.

By the way, I wrote to Mr Ainsley for a half-fair tick



et for myself and wife on the D/ and R. G. but have not heard from him. Will you please procure a half fare pass for myself and wife on that road, and also on the Denver and South Park road, if you can without putting you to too much trouble.

We like this place very much the climate has been fine since we came here and the bathing at the hot springs is perfectly delightful. Invalids ought to know of these springs especially those who are afflicted with rheumatism. A man was brought here with rheumatism last week and had to be carried from the wagon on a bed, and the third bath he took he got out of the bath tub and walked up stairs, and now he walks all around the grounds.

We held a Congregational meeting at Pomha Springs last evening after prayer meeting, at which meeting, Mr. Charles E. Walker was elected as an elder of the church, who will be ordained and installed next Sabbath night. We also adopted articles of incorporation and elected 5 trustees. Judge McPherson has donated grounds for a church and we propose to build a church this fall.

Mrs. Merritt joins me in kind regards to you and your family.

Your brother in Christ,  
S. L. Merritt.

Idaho Springs, Col.  
July 22, 1880

Mr. J. D. Kerr,  
Dear Brother:

I have heard nothing from the Board of Home Missions yet and have concluded to close my labors at the close of this present month. I have now got the history of the miner of whom you mention he has fled the country perhaps gone to Europe and is published in the Chicago papers as a scandal so much for that.

I would now ask did Presbytery authorize you to send the statement to the Board that a miner would pay me the \$400 asked of the Board? If so please tell me what was the sense in applying to the Board? When Dr. Jackson spoke to me he said nothing about the miner nor would I have placed any confidence in it if he had. He said the Board would give \$400. That meant that there was to be no modifying phrase in the application but urgent request of the need. On that I came, I have worked hard since coming here have raised the funds of the church they have painted outside and in papered and put it in good order. They have fulfilled their promise to me which was not much. Financially I have been at an outlay of about \$250 since here, and now this matter has been badly handled. I feel that I have been deeply wronged, and wronged



when least prepared for it. Losing my wife was a heavy stroke besides anything else. I will remain here for a few weeks until I can get means enough to go east.

Fraternallly,  
J. S. Caruthers..

Ft. Defiance, Arizona.  
July 22, 1880

My dear Brother:

Having done all that I could in way of preparation I am this far on my way back and shall have to wait a few days for a conveyance; so will write you from this point. We had a fine rain on the 17th, 18th, and 19th each and there is fair prospect for plenty of rain now. Mr. Eastman's dam is all washed away. He is yet waiting at Albuquerque and things remain unsettled here. Indeed after my visit west in which I met some four or five whites who expressed their opinions freely on the subject, I am inclined to think that Mr. Eastman had better resign at an early date. I fear that it would be perilous for him to remain. I think that he has been betrayed in whom he trusted and so much has been said that he is brought low in the estimation of many of the Navajos. As to my field I find it much as I expected. I find the people far less cleanly than I anticipated, indeed I do not think the word cleanly can properly be applied to them in any degree of comparison except it be negatively. I visited the three villages and witness a rain dance. Mr. Keams went with me and introduced me to several of the chiefs. I do not anticipate that it will be difficult for me to gain access to the people. I am disappointed in respect to the condition of the affairs at the agency. Mr. Keams has the best building spot that the canon affords in my estimation, and he claims the squatters right to a hundred and sixty acres down the canyon. Of course this takes in all the available land of any account, except the one and one half acres claimed for the agency. The agency buildings are certainly uninviting for a family to occupy, no floor except in one room and that exceedingly rough and open. The roof is open to the arguments of the rain, and I fear that it would not even be safe retreat for the winter, not to speak of a comfortable one. I do not think that our tent would be of any service to us, as I fail to find a decent unoccupied place on which to spread it. The new unfinished rooms are at the rear of the other buildings, and separated from them only by a narrow ally. While rooms might be fitted up in these for the school I am sure that I could not be made even tolerably suitable for a residence. Now I do not intend to be over critical but I am of the candid opinion, that if we do anything with these people, we must at least live in a neat and comfortable house



when they will admire. There is nothing inviting outside in the surroundings, we must have it cherry inside. Now if the Agent, Mr. Sullivan is not moved by something of a missionary spirit I am confident that he will not winter at Moqui. Indeed I cannot see the need for so many men nor for so much room to do the work of so small an agency and if I can judge from what I saw nothing has been done to the advantage of the agency, not even to its credit for sometime past. The spring in the agency yard is covered with green like a stagnant pool. Everything wears the appearance of slovenly neglectful management not much better than the offensive villages on the rocks. It is a bitter shame to have such a state of affairs in the presence of those whom we would teach cleanliness, purity, and Godliness. Now the least that I can ask is that a comfortable little house be erected for us independent of the buildings the Government may erect, which we may control and keep to our liking. This cannot be done for less than \$500 or \$600 for you must remember that those by Keams for \$300 have no floors, no suitable windows, nor doors, and are but little more than the bare walls. Now as to salary, the Board must not think of offering me less than \$1500. This will be less than \$800 in any of our little western R. R. towns. If it were possible for the Board to enter into any arrangement with the Government to make me agent and missionary or teacher together. They Gov. Paying what they now pay \$1300 and the church \$1200 it would make a respectable salary and I will guarantee to represent the government better than it has been here for some years and at the same time do more efficient missionary work than I can under the circumstances as they have been or are likely to be on a salary of \$1300. A salary of \$1300 for an agent at such a place seems to me like a bid for dishonest or to say the least for incompetent or transient agents. No other kind can be expected, unless he comes with a missionary spirit and then one man may as well do the work of both and receive a respectable salary. The Navajos surround the agency. I suppose I saw 25 Navajos there for every Moqui. Now my brother you will remember that in the talk about the time I decided to accept this field you encouraged me to think that I could have men of my choice around me from the agent to the trader, a condition most devoutly to be desired. At present this cannot be and the probabilities are that the trader's post cannot be controlled in the future. Of course I do not reflect on you for this, as you are in no way to blame for it, neither will I alter my determination to do with my might what my hands find to do in this field, but I look to the church to do all in its power to bring about this condition and to sustain us in every way possible. It is a dark uninviting field at best and when I contrast this with the bright and comfortable home where my wife mingled with her parents and brothers at Princeton I cannot restrain a tear on her behalf, knowing how lonely it



must be for her and that sometimes she must be heartsick at the scenes that meet her eyes. Our little babe too must grow up with little knowledge of the nobler world, but the Lord has called us in an unmistakable manner and we obey. I do a church through you to keep us in this great work and may the Master grant that before many years this people may be brought down from the rocks and to dwell in civilized towns.

Your brother,  
Charles A. Taylor.

Idaho Springs, Col.

July 23, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson:

I wrote to you sometime ago stating that the Board refused to grant aid from the fact that it was stated to them that a miner would pay it. I was not recommended to a miner for aid but to the Board. I at once informed them that I would not take Mr. Thompson's for my salary, that was not the way you put it, you said the Board would pay it on these conditions I came none other, and so wrote to the Board to give the \$400 asked for or I would leave the field. I have got no answer and have quit the work and returned to them there blank commission. I will now give you the history of Mr. H. M. Thompson he has left the country and no body knows where he is, he has turned out a rascal. The Chicago papers published him as a grand villain, so much for that. Now in this whole matter I feel that I have been wrongly dealt with. I came in good faith, and claim I have done good solid work but have not received any adequate remuneration, the people have paid me part but not all. Why cannot the Presbytery avoid such blunders. In this recommendation I am sending an application and stating that if a miner would pay it why send an application to the Board for money that some private individual says he will pay? But I am informed that others blunders have been made previous to this and other ministers have suffered on this field and my advice to the Presbytery is to leave the field to other denominations for I feel that these abortive efforts are a hindrance to the cause.

I do not just know when I shall go away from here, perhaps in a few days, perhaps not for some weeks. If you have anything to communicate address me here, if away it will be forwarded.

Fraternally,  
J. S. Caruthers.

P. S. If in Idaho please call on Mr. Mathews, Mrs. Ashmore, Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Jackson.



Ocate, Mora Co. N. M.  
July 24, 1880

Rev. and Dear Brother:

Rev. Roberts and a Bible agent by the name of Jacobs came here last week. Mr. Jacobs preached several sermons in Spanish while here, and all who hear him were highly pleased with his preaching. Quite a number of the most prominent member in the Roman Catholic church in this community were induced to come and hear him, and they all said that he preached the truth and that his exposition of the teachings of Romanism were true, and they seemed to be delighted with his preaching, and with the plain positive manner in which he exposed the falacious teaching of the Priesthood. They said his arguments were unanswerable, and that no priest could up set them. He seemed to exert a wonderful influence over the minds of the Mexicans people in this valley, and it is possible that if he were permitted to labor as an evangelist among these people that he might accomplish a great work here. He had a public controversy with one of the most intelligent Roman Catholics in this valley and before he got through he made him acknowledge that every declaration he had made concerning the erroneus teachings of the Romanish church were true. That controversy seemed to have made a great many friends for Bro. Jacobs among the Roman Catholics in this community. They all say that they never heard the scripture explained before as he explained it then. Rev. Roberts held communion here last Sabbath. There were six persons united with the church on profession of their faith in Christ. Bro. Jacobs preached on Sabbath night and on the Monday following the communion to large and attentive congregations. His preaching seems to interest the people a great deal more than Bro. Roberts, the congregation appear to grow listless as soon as he commenced speaking. It is not for me to judge whether the impressions made upon the minds of these people by Bro. Jacobs' preaching will prove lasting or not. If they should he has wrought a great work during his brief sojourn in this community. Bro. Roberts has engaged Bro. Borden whom you recommended to us as a good mechanic and a good man, to finish our church and school room. He is to commenced work on it one week from next Monday, so if it is convenient for you to have that hundred dollars sent to us we could make good use of it just now.

The people in the village two miles south of this place would like to employ someone to teach those children who are too small to send so far to school. My wife and I have about concluded to make arrangements for her to teach down there during the coming school year, providing you deem it expedient to open another school so close to this one. We do not think it will diminish our school here in the least, as the school will be entirely made up of scholars who are too small to



attend this one particularly during the winter season. We do not desire any increase in our salary, we only wish to have it continue the same as it is now. We are anxious if possible to render your services more profitable if possible, both to the church and to the Board by increasing our efforts and extending our field of labor. We are desirous of doing everything we can to further the moral spiritual and intellectual advancement of these poor benighted people, and we think that by opening a school in that village our instructions may prove of immediate advantage to children whom we might not be able to reach at all, if they had to come all the way here to school. We design reporting the two schools as one to the Board, unless otherwise advised. Please to give us your opinion in regard to the matter. A gentleman who lives seven miles from here came to Bro. Maes this week and secured the rent of the room in which we are teaching for the coming school year in order to send six children to our school, his wife is a Roman Catholic. Quite a number of men from a distance have assured us that just as soon as our school room is finished they are determined to arrange it in some way or other to get their children into our school. Bro. Maes is willing to furnish lots and ground building material to all who may desire to put up temporary dwellings in order to send their children to school here. When Bro. Jacobs was here, he urged these people to send their children to our school assuring them that they would be taught nothing but the truth, and he seems to have caused quite an awakening among them on the subject of educating their children. What kind of success did you have in securing Indian students? Please accept our grateful thanks for half fare tickets sent us from Topeka, Kan. through your kind instrumentality. We would be pleased to hear from you once before starting to the states, it is if we conclude to go, we have not yet fully decided whether we shall go or not. Finally I must close, hoping to hear from you very soon and trust that you will be able to send us that money at a very early day, I remain

Your brother in Christ,

R. W. Hall.

P. S. Perhaps you had better order that money sent to Bro. Roberts as he has the rest of the money for the church, and we may not be here to receive it. Please have it sent to either Bro. Roberts or Maes, as they both understand how it comes.

Idaho Springs, Col.

July 25, 1880

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Sir:



Rev. Mr. Caruthers came here the last of May of the first of June to take charge of the work here. He has been well received by the people and his congregation increased every Sabbath. He now tells us he is obliged to leave on account of the failure of the Board of missions to sustain him. We feel that he has been unjustly dealt with, as well as wrong done to ourselves. As a matter of justice and right we ask that he may be allowed to continue his work by giving him adequate support.

Respectfully yours,

Ralph Mathews.

Mrs. Martha Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Fabian.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Black.

Idaho Springs, Col.

July 26, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have been requested to write you and ask to have Mr. Caruthers removed, to have the Board of Home Missions remove him. He is not the man for this western country, and will do harm instead of good. We hear that he is making threats against us as a church, because we do not and cannot do anything more than we have and the man who was so generous as to offer to give so much is not to be found, in fact he has gotten into trouble and has had to leave for foreign parts. But all these things aside, we do not want Mr. Caruthers, we want a man that is up to the times in every way and one who will preach Christ, and one who will persuade men to come to Jesus and who will not sour those for whom Christ died. You know we are to be "as wise as serpents", but also as "harmless as doves". A few of us here worked hard on the fifth of this month and in fact a week before and kept two stands, one for feeding the hungry, and one to please the lovers of ice cream and we cleared over one hundred dollars. This was done for the purpose of making the church edifice decent and attractive to those who care for decency, and attractiveness. After it was all appropriated to that purpose, but not yet applied, we received a solicitation for a great part of it to help Mr. Caruthers away as he was not well and also dissatisfied, with the way the Board had commissioned him. We of course could not in justice give what was already appropriated, and it seemed from what I can learn that it made him angry and he is now doing us an injury by talking round, that he will preach after having sent in his resignation to the Board. As far as the few of us are Presbyterians and Congregationalists (alone it does not matter materially what kind of preachin we listen



to, but the good of the cause of christianity in our judgement demands a man who will bring in miners to hear him preach and who will live so cheerfully and consistently and humbly as to show that the love of God is the only happy and real life to live. We send us such a man on trial for three months if such a man is to be found and get the Board to do all they can for him. His table board will be free as long as the present proprietor of the Wilson hotel stays here and the most of the few dollars subscribed will also be given him. It will be a little pocket money and we think if we can get the kind of man for the place he will do good and be supported after a time, but one who wants to make money will not do at this time. Of course we do not wish to starve any one, but we want one whose aim is to save souls and we think his bread will be sure. Please give this immediate attention and come up here as soon as you get back to Denver. There is no church organization here and one is needed or something to be done.

Respectfully, yours,  
Mrs. H. K. McCoy.  
Mary J. Wilkins.

P. S. Since writing this I received a visit from Mr. Caruthers and he insists upon organizing a church next Sabbath and the elders he puts in will not be fit to run a saw mill. Please help us soon. He threatens the Board, Dr. Jackson and everyone who goes against him. He is extremely bitter. Please do not read this in Presbytery.

23 Centre st, New York.  
July 27, 1880

Look for letter from me with the Committee of Indian Affairs. What is the use of starting a school among the Navajcs till the buildings are ready. I would arrange for the school to begin on that condition.

Hoping to see you as soon as you can get here, I remain  
Yours,  
H. Mendall.

Schenectady, N. Y.  
July 27, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My sister, Mrs. Adelia V. Freeman died the morning of the 12th of last Dec. at 6 A. M. without a struggle. It can be said of her, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord". Knowing the deep interest which my sister took in our Indians, I have enclosed a check payable to your order, for one hundred dollars to be used only for the benefit of



the Indians. As you are one of the Lord's stewards I trust that you will see that the amount is only used for the benefit of the Indians.

Respectfully,  
Catharine A. Thornton.

Lake City, Col.  
July 27, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

In return for your photo I send you one of mine.

I presume you have heard the particulars from Bro. Janeway regarding the actions of our angelic Bro. Smith. I think the "tempering of justice with mercy" rather poetic in Smith's case. The good brother who plead so hard for Smith ought to exchange places with Janeway for about one month.

Kind regards to your family.

Yours in Christ,  
Geo. M. Darley.

P. S. Let us hear from you.  
G. M. D.

Colorado Springs, Col.  
July 27, 1880

My dear Dr. Jackson:

As I thought would most probably be the case, the Minnesota brethren have persuaded Mr. Murphy to return to that important field. He and his family are by this time in Minneapolis. Dr. Lyon is urging him to take charge of our church in Blue Earth City. What he may decide I do not know.

Very truly I am yours,  
Willis Lord.

Farringdale, Ill.  
July 28, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed find a letter from Bro. Caruthers. In view of the situation I think we had better try to secure from the Board at once the money asked by Pres. i. e. a commission promising the amount. There is no reason why he should not have help any more than any other brother. I regret that we gave any consideration to the word of an entire stranger and we ought to rectify the mistake as soon as possible. I hope you will write to Dr. Kendall as soon as you



receive this and urge him to act without delay. I will write to him today. Now that C. is on the field and has gotten things well started he ought not to be allowed to leave in disgust.

Yours fraternally,  
J. D. Kerr.

Idaho Springs, Col.  
July 29, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I would ask you to visit Idaho at an early day and learn the truth in opposition to falsehood and also defend the church and myself against an immediate enemy who seeks the destruction of the church.

Yours fraternally,  
J. S. Caruthers.

Gunnison, Col.  
July 2, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

The church lot is located just one block from the new Baptist church which will be finished soon, so if I have made a bad choice they have too. They have offered me the use of their house till we can build. The Methodist preacher has given up his appointment for next Sunday to me, so shall preach in W. Gunnison. The Congregationalists have "gobbled" all our members but I think with prudence they will all come back. Am sleeping in carpenter's shop and take meals with a Presbyterian lady, Mrs. Kellogg late of Larned, Kansas.

Very respectfully,  
C. M. Shepherd.

Port Townsend, W. T.  
July 30, 1880

My Dear Sir:

Yours from Ft. Defiance received this day. I sail on Monday next for Sitka and shall probably be in Southeastern Alaska for some two months or more.

I have heretofore acknowledged the receipt of your book which you so kindly sent me.

In the weekly San Francisco Bulletin of the 25th of June appears a dashing criticism of your volume. I have the article laid by for future reference and remark.



If I can find a copy of the paper will send it to you.

I have been here for a year, during that time, not a single copy of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian has reached me. I should very much like to have the paper, as when I finish reading it when there is nothing in it I wish for my scrap book, I mail it to my mother who enjoys it very much.

My next report will be made to Secretary Sherman and will undoubtedly be called for by Congress.

I will be pleased to receive any suggestions you may feel inclined to make in regard to it.

Yours very truly,  
W. Gouverneur Morris.

P. S. Capt. Jocelyn has lately returned from a year's leave spent in Europe. Dined with me last Tuesday. I showed him your book and called his attention, to your mention of him, in connection with your school work. He was pleased at your remarks.

Socorro, N. M.  
Aug. 2, 1860

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:

Your two favors from Las Vegas at hand. I had already opened communication with Dr. Faly and intend to go up and spend Sabbath week (Aug. 15th) and a day or two in visiting and working there. I have not spent an idle day here. I secured an abode for my family and preached every Sabbath, made acquaintances etc. The Methodists kindly offered to share their church with me and I have accepted for the present. But a better Providence has happened us: a fine large room near plaza has been tendered me and accepted. I am to repair, seat, light it and have it as long as we wish, unless a Baptist church is duly and successfully started here. Then I am to have ample time to build, or secure another house, and also to remove all benches, etc. This contract is to be in writing to be delivered to me tomorrow morning by the owner of the building. Judge Shorr.

I have, by special invitation visited the Magdalena Mines 30 miles west. A company of Toledo gentlemen are working these mines and they send a hack for me. I preached Saturday night and Sunday afternoon and there was manifestly good done, and an interest begun for our work in New Mexico.

Do you know one Dr. Bacon, or Rev. Mr. McCrocker, our Presbyterian preachers in Toledo? If so please drop them a line, laying the fact of my being on the ground here laboring among miners and having both this place and Albuquerque, N. M. to hold. The fact that a large company of Toledo gentlemen are working so near here will be a strong hold on those churches and they may help us.



I will perhaps also myself write to them and ask them to lay our case before their churches. Let me assure you Dr. I will profitably and earnestly work to the very best of my ability. I have been sending out letters to the interest of this work far and near. If you meet Dr. Kendall, request early remittance of balance of expense money, I paid out in getting here. His letter said Board allowed it.

Yours fraternally,  
L. D. Fulton.

P. S. I am to have the building also for school room if I wish.

New York, N. Y.  
Aug. 2, 1880

Dr. Vincint,

Dear Friend:

Please hand the enclosed \$3.60 to either Dr. Jackson or Sam Chund Hese as you think best. It is the amount contributed almost entirely in pennies by my little school, numbering eleven, during the past year, the most of it having been given by a little class of five boys whose ages ranged from five to eight. All of it was either earned or the result of some act of self sacrifice. If it might prove a brick in God's great work of missions we shall be very glad. For the encouragement of the children I should like to learn either through you or in some other way, what disposition is made of it.

I hope to be able to awaken new interest among them by means of the information I have gained here.

Sincerely yours,

Clara T. Williamson.

Money sent Mrs. Foyd, Aug. 14th for canoe at Ft. Wrangel

Idaho Springs, Col.  
Aug. 3, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I am completely discouraged respecting church matters and feel sorry that I have had anything to do with them. We are in a very lamentable condition. Mr. Caruthers finding himself a failure has set himself to work to accomplish two things. One to get the money in my hands for church repairs and appropriate it to his own use. The other is to fix things here so that no other man can succeed. In other words to kill the cause. The first he has accomplished in part, the other completely I fear. I told you in my last of his attempt to get the money and his advise to us to shut



up the church, sell it, give it away or anything but try again to make it a success. Not succeeding in the money part he immediately goes to work to take the treasurer's office out of my hands and vest it in those he can handle to his liking. Previous to this he has told me that he did not care whether there was a church organization or not here. Now he goes to work immediately and at the next service says they will organize a church so that there will be some one to look after the church and hold the church money, that now no one has any business to do it. Of course members of other churches have no time to send for letters of dismissal and recommendation. He tells them "that's no use, just join on profession of faith". The simple minded and two or three that had an ax to grind did as they were requested while a few were sharp enough to see the trick and have nothing to do with it. After the morning service he organizes and appoints his officers with little ceremony not even administering the Sacrament. For directors, he appoints Mr. Sharp, Bonham, and Mathews. Not one of which is solvent for a five dollar note. The world's people wouldn't trust them with a nickle. The two former tried to enter our Good-Templars Lodge, almost every black ball in the box was thrown against them. The latter a weak minded man, not having hardly sense enough to know the difference between right and wrong, and consequently an easy prey, as he has proved to be in Mr. Caruthers hands. He also appointed Mathews treasurer. The next morning before breakfast even, he comes and demands the money in the treasury. There is a due bill of eleven dollars from the Methodists with this we expected to pay freight on our blinds which are nearly completed, also for hanging them, and a few other little bills in connection with the general repairs. He has been to the treasurer of that society and forbid his paying the money to anybody but him. So I suppose Caruthers will get that much and our blinds will lie at the depot. Now these very men with a judicious pastor might have been made of use to us in running the church. But placed in office they will be very officious and will kill any organization. No one of any ability or respectability is going to have anything to do with them. Now if this meeting and the business transacted is legal (I haven't the rules of the Presbyterian church and know but little about them) it is of no use for us to try another man. With these men regarded as they are in the eyes of the people at the head there is no use in trying to run. Mr. Caruthers knows this and is jubilant so also are the Methodists. I feel very very sorry things have turned out as they have. With the right kind of a man we would have had a good audience by this time and the next six months would very nearly paid his salary. Mr. Caruthers talks a great deal about the Board and yourself, says he doesn't care if they have D. N. attached to their names he will rein them up, he will make them smart for this, that he has reined them up



before and that he can do again. People have asked me what the trouble was, between him and the Board I have replied I didn't know unless there was a mistake in making out his commission in the first place, then according to his own story he wrote you a very saucy, insulting letter. And I thought perhaps the Board thought it not best to right it.

I write you thus minutely that you may better judge of our condition and know what is best to be done. If you see fit to use the information (it will stand testing) please with hold my name.

In much haste

Your sister in Christ,  
Mary J. Wilkins.

Rawlins, Wyoming.

August 3, 1880

Dear Brother:

I am moving the matter of building. Plan on page 37 of last report of Board. Church erection demensions 26 by 46, 10 feet longer and 6 feet wider than present building. J. Adams Esq. has offered unasked \$100 for such a house here and \$500 for one like the Laramie church at the new town at the warm springs near Ft. Steele. Four persons have offered to contribute without asking and what am I to understand these providential indications. If we get what we ask for this year from Board we are off next D. M. open doors but many adversaries.

Yours in the hope of a better day for

Presbytery of Col.  
W. E. Hamilton

Socorro, N. M.

Aug. 3, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Since writing last night it has occurred to me to suggest that Socorro with its far healthier location and fine surroundings, will be a better place for any kind of a school you may want to establish than the low miasmatic flat on which Albuquerque is built. The healthiness of a location for a school has much to do with its success and attraction.

Yours respectfully and gratefully,  
S. D. Falton.



Duluth, steamer India  
Aug. 4, 1880

Dear Brother:

Please excuse a lead pencil.

I wrote to you whilst at your house in Denver. Since then I have been visiting my aunt in St. Cloud, Minn. I did not intend staying there so long - thought I would be home ere this; and it turns out I will not be home for some 10 days or more - and as I ordered all my mail there I have not received any word as to matters concerning the Lord's work.

I have been reconsidering what I wrote to you as to Brackinridge and other places and I think myself to have been hasty and selfish. I request you to hold no place for me, but let matters rest till Presbytery meets in October. By that time matters will have assumed shape naturally and again there if a field is open all right, we will then talk about it. If not I will run the risk. I don't want to keep any important field waiting when it might be on uncertainties and when it might retard matters. I want to have my visit out without haste or worry or concern.

I will run the risk of getting a place. Brackenridge needs a man at once; so does Animas and Rico. Was much vexed and disappointed about Mr Campbell's failure to be at Animas as I understood he would be when he left.

Animas wants a man of a family and some experience, so they say.

Yours in Christ,

W.C. Beebe.

P.S. I wish that about the 1st of September, you would write to me at Edinboro as to openings in Colorado Presbytery, other than Animas. As soon as you secure a man for Animas I am ready to resign my commission as you once suggested to me.

W.C.B.

P.S. No 2. Will you please inform me at what time in Oct. our Presbytery meets - first, or second, or third Tuesday in October?

W.C.B.

Schenectady, Aug. 5th, 1880.

Rev Sheldon Jackson;

In my letter to you the 15th of July or soon after it, I thought I had enclosed a draft to you for one hundred dollars, only to be used for the benefit of our Western Indians. To-day in looking over my papers I found I had forgotten to put the draft in the letter which I had sent. I have now put the draft in for that amount.

When you receive this, please let me know forthwith that



you have.

Respectfully,  
Catharine A. Thornton.

No. 10, Western Ave. Allegheny,  
Pa.

Aug. 8, 1880

Rev. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Many many times have I thought of you and your work since I started east. I have often felt that I was playing a Jona's part in fleeing from an open field of the Master. It was only after I could give no further reason for your delay that I yielded to the pressure that was brought to bear upon me from all sides. After Mrs. Maines wrote that the field was unsafe and pledged myself to the Sect. of our Board to attend the Seminary this winter. I had gone so far that I saw no honorable way of getting out of my engagement to him. If I still feel at the end of the seven months of school as I do now I would surely go to the mission field if the way is still open. Miss Stanett's folks vetoed her going as soon as the field was pronounced a dangerous one. She is very anxious to get possession of her recommendations again and as they will be of no further use to the Board please send both hers and mine to me. I will enclose postage.

Yours truly,  
J. G. Kennedy.

Carlisle, Pa.  
Aug. 9, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

My Dear Brother:

Thanks for your note from Wash.. I should be just as well pleased to have you bring the Utes. I only put myself in the way of going in order to make things easy at the Department. About the Navajos; would not the old chief's 22 year old son be just the one to head the party? Look out for the welfare of it and act as a sergeant here. If no interpreter offers and there is a Mexican speaking one, we can get on nicely with Nellie, who is going to do well.

I sent you 39 photographs of your party by registered package yesterday. Advise me of the prospects of both Navajos and Ute as you can. I sent your statement about the \$100 to Dr. Mercross.

Cordially Yours,  
R. H. Pratt.



Ocate, Mora Co., N. M.  
Aug. 10, 1880

Rev. and Dear Bro:

Having finally made up our minds to go home during vacation, we deem it advisable write you once more before leaving and request you if it be in accordance with your feelings so to use your influence in Presbytery to have us recommissioned for work in this particular field as we think the Lord has blessed and will continue to bless the effort that are being made for the upbuilding of his kingdom among the people here. And as we do not expect to return to this territory until after the middle of September, even if commissioned for another year, we would be glad if you could write us immediately after the close of the Presbytery and let us know what the prospect is of our being recommissioned; as we do not feel like returning to this territory without some assurance of the continual approval of our labor by Presbytery. You are already apprised of our purpose to open another missionart school.

Hoping to hear from you at the earliest possible date after the close of the Presbytery, I remain

Your brother in Christ,  
R. W. Hall.

P. S. Our address in the states will be.

Nevada, Wyandot, Co., Ohio.

Anderson Bay, New Zealand.  
Aug. 10, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I put a notice of your work on Alaska in our "Presbyterian" copy of which I send you by this mail.

I have written to Australia, New Guinea, and to Fiji for contributions for Princeton cabinet and will make up a box here for you as soon as possible, which I will dispatch to your address at San Francisco. I have already put your proposal before our christian people, and will be glad if I can get some of them interested in it.

The Lord bless you abundantly in all your efforts to advance his Kingdom!

Yours very sincerely,  
C. Stuart Ross.

American House  
Denver, Col.  
August 11, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,



Dear brother:

After the reception of your kind letter last spring, I answered it and told you of my coming to Colorado. I enclosed a photograph of myself and asked your assistance while in the state. I received no answer to my communication, but attribute it to your having been absent from home, as I couldn't conclude that your kind words at Madison, meant nothing, and so I now write you to ask you to please call upon me as early tomorrow as possible if you please. I drove to your house and inquired for you last Monday evening, and a young girl said you would be home today. I shall be very thankful if you will call here at the American House as early tomorrow as you can. I lecture tomorrow evening, and Friday evening at Walhalla Hall. Shall be pleased to have you accept tickets for yourself and family.

Hoping to see you early tomorrow, I remain

Very sincerely yours,  
Mrs. A. F. Young.

Note.

Ann Eliza Young formerly one of Brigham Young's wives.

Kansas City, Mo.  
Aug. 11, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Rev. L. W. Griffin of Montana, Kansas is a good, earnest, hard working man. His education is limited and he is not equal to a first class place in . I would not recommend him for Denver, Colorado Springs, or Leadville, but he is active earnest practical. I shall greatly regret to have him leave Kansas. He has a large family and is poor.

I am sorry to hear a poor account of Caruthers, he did reasonably well at Lyons, Kansas.

I get nobody for the Indian territory. What am I to do to get good men? I want four for that country.

Yours truly,  
T. Hill.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.  
Aug. 11, 1880

Mr. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of June 15th (which I should have received last mail) also yours of July 20th with letter for Mrs. Dickinson arrived yesterday. It seems strange to receive a letter from you dated at Santa Fe. I am rejoiced that God is opening up the work all over that territory and sending workmen to so many places. I know very much of it is to



your credit. Surely you will have your reward. We are much disappointed about no man coming for either Chilcat or Hyda. More particularly Chilcat for the Roman Catholics expect to send a man next month. In order to get a beginning made, Mr. Young is going up to stay two months.

I sent Mrs. Dickinson's letter up to Sitka, I thought she would get it sooner from there, then Mr. Young had not decided to go. I am so happy to tell you that we are at last in our new Home. We moved last week. Thursday night we had a little entertainment, music and a neat little address from Mr. Young in which he eulogised me more than I think he should have done. I will send you a copy of it if I can get him to write it in time. Then you can publish it and the above items about his coming into the Home if you wish. I now have 22 girls, they are much excited about the new Home and I think it is very grand. The workmen are not through yet, but I was so anxious to get moved before the steamer came in that I thought I would not wait any longer. I hope we will all feel inspired to make greater efforts than we have ever done. It is just three years yesterday since you and I arrived in Alaska. I think there has been much accomplished in that time. But I am just beginning to see my heart's desire. God grant that I may not be disappointed, but that the work will go forward with renewed vigor and zeal. If you ask Dr. Kendall to let you read my report you may find some items that will help to make up an article for your paper. I am so tired out and so busy it does not seem possible for me to write a letter for the R. M. P. at this time. We all received the books this mail. Please accept thanks both from me and Miss Dunbar. I think it very strange they did not come before, when the others did. I am sorry you do not like my picture, I will send you a small one in this that my friends all like the expression of better than the large one. Many thanks for the children pictures. I hope to get Mrs. Jackson's soon. Mrs. Dickinson's box was sent up last steamer. I can write nothing to this Mr. Rose without hearing further from you. This is the very first I have heard of him. Did not know he had asked to have a girl taken into the Home on his account. If you ever wrote to me about it the letter must have been lost. I feel very sorry about the Chilcats. Mr. Young expects to start there on Saturday to be gone two months. I do not know how we will get along, Dr. Corlies not being at home.

With kind regards and love to your family.

Yours truly,

A. R. McFarland.

P. S. I have only received \$16 yet for the canoe, it comes in very slowly.



Sitka, Alaska.

Aug. 11, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I was calculating on Miss Austin writing a letter for your excellent paper this month, but from her last conversation with me I think she will not do so. The steamer returns in a short time and I will only have time to write you a short letter. By next mail I shall if spared write something for the R. M. Pres. and begin in time not waiting for anyone. By the way we did not receive the R. M. P this month, have failed to get it before since I came here. I had a letter from Mrs. Haines this mail making inquiry about the hospitable building here, as to whether it would be a good plan to buy it and its probable cost. We all agreed it would be a good plan if we could secure it at anything like a reasonable rate. We could not tell her anything about the cost but Col. Bell said he thought it could be had reasonably. Mrs. Haines said they were expecting you in the east soon and you would see about it at Washington. Col. Bell said he would write on about it this mail and you could refer to it when you went. I did not say anything about what you wrote about the Industrial school, which you expected to have established. That is I did not say anything about it to Mrs. Haines. I have thought that if you succeed with the school enterprise that perhaps the Government would give this hospitable property for the purpose, and if they do not seem inclined to give that and the 160 acres of land you directed us to locate would it not be a good plan to do all that could be done to secure the hospitable without the 160 acres. You know I can enter the 160 acres in my own name and afterwards give it to the mission. There would be nothing wrong about that would there? We have looked the land over and have not located the land definitely yet. Col. Bell said that if the hospitable property could be secured land might be taken up just back of it almost adjoining. But if we do not get the hospitable we may locate it at some other place.

We had an Indian funeral a few days ago. It was of a child of one of the Indians employed on the Jamestown. The officers had a neat coffin made and several of them attended the funeral. From the house to the place where the child was buried we followed a narrow path, some places very muddy, and on both sides of which was grass and bushes. The grass and brush often hung over the path above our heads and was very wet. Notwithstanding this several of the ladies went to the grave, wading through the grass and mud that the Indians might be encouraged to bury their dead instead of burning them.

The latest report is that the ship Jamestown is to be taken away about October, and that no other is to come in her



place. I hope the Government may not leave us without some protection. There would be danger if the protection was entirely removed and yet I sometimes think there might be more hope for immediate results from missionary effort if the influence of some of the low sailors was taken away.

Yours in Christ,  
G. W. Lyons.

23 Centre St, New York.  
Aug. 11, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have got this list from Rev. W. H. Roberts now stated clerk pro tem of the Gen'l Assembly.

Detroit		meeting comes 2nd Thursday	Oct 14
Ills. Central Quincy Ills.	"	"	" 14
Ind. South, Evansville, Ind.	"	Friday after the	" 15
2nd Tuesday			
Cleveland, Salem, Ohio	"	3rd Tuesday	" 19
Ill. North, Kankakee, Ill.	"	"	" 19
Ind. North Fort Wayne	"	"	" 21
Ill. South Centralia, Ill.	"	"	" 21

Detroit and Fort Wayne are the only places to which invited.

What will you do about my going elsewhere? It does not help matters to push forward when not wanted. I wonder which Dr. Kendall will take. Then you will go to others?

F. E. H. Haines.

New York, N. Y.,  
Aug. 11, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson, Salt Lake City, Utah,

Dear Sir:

I have been away for two days. Find a note from Dr. Kendall asking me to send you an abstract of qualifications, especially as to music, of the teachers about whom we arranged last Saturday. This abstract is intended to help the Presbytery make any changes of location it may deem best, but please see that notice is sent to us promptly as to any such changes being made with some reason, in short given for them.

Now as the testimonials are all at the office and I save a day's time by writing at home. I have done the best I can in a hurried way. I think you, sir, can judge about seeing these teachers, where it is best for you to place them. I have not taken time to say anything as to each having a consecrated missionary spirit, and common sense, but we have sought to have only such receive a commission. I wrote to



each one, except Prof. Scott and daughter, and Miss Kumler a note last Saturday, on back of little copygraph circular, one of which I enclose.

Dr. Kendall asks me to remind you that while the appointments have been made according to our best knowledge, still they ought to be carefully considered by the Presbytery of Utah, and altered according to their wisdom.

Yours respectfully,

F. E. H. Haines. Sec'y.

23 Centre st, New York, N. Y.  
August 12, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

You must see that an application is got up for Eastman. Those fellows that fought Annin away must "fork over" They promised great things, now let them perform or disappear as the Chicago promiser has from Idaho Springs!

Prof. E. J. Boyd of Monroe, Mich. proposes to make a trip to Colorado and New Mexico soon, suppose you invite him to come with you to Presbytery at Jerez.

2. Puget Sound Presbytery has asked Dr. Lowrie to commission Mann for the Nesquallies, Chehallies and other remnants of tribes, and that too after Thompson had asked me for the same. Complication No. 1.

3. Dr. L. says Mr. Critchelon is in correspondence with him for teachers i e among the Utes. What does that mean? Complication No. 2.

I have got the papers for the Pueblo school at Albuquerque to commence with Dec. 1st for six months. I want you to ask Dr. Thomas if it would not be desirable to employ Mrs. Perkins and party for that work or if he would take kindly to it provided we should make the appointment?

Mrs. Haines is posting you as to the various qualities and qualifications of the teachers appointed to Utah. Consider them all carefully, handle them gently and adapt them to their work assigned wisely. Tell the brethren we will send help missionaries as soon as we can find the right men.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Edinboro, Erie Co. Pa.  
Aug. 13, 1880

Dear Brother:

I was glad to get your note from Santa Fe. I will keep you posted as to my whereabouts. Am having a grand vacation but I have word from Annimas which makes me vexed. The Congregationalists have sent a man in there allready and after all their fair words! It was such a pity that Bro. Campbell fail



ed to come! Can't you do something to stop such works and such violation of the understanding of Comity. It is a shame!

When I think of all the kindness of the Colorado Presbytery and your kindness, and the kindness of the Board I feel as if I could never repay it. I am glad you say you will get me a place by fall. God bless you.

W. C. Beebe.

Monument, Col.  
Aug. 14, 1880

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Bro:

I suppose you are at home by this time, and I desire to hear from you at an early date in reference to your results of your conference with the Board. We could start very shortly if everything is ready on their part, and that of the Government. I have not heard a word from the Agent appointed, though I wrote to him long ago and I do not know whether we shall be permitted to occupy rooms in agency building or not. If so we should go on and do what we can at the language. Though I cannot see that anything can be done with the school until rooms are built and a matron secured. We have gone the rounds of our friends so far as we think them suitable for teachers and find none ready to go. If therefore you have any in view you may recommend one, otherwise make an open call for one. We have concluded to take suitable help with us, and my wife will go into the school, if the Board will commission her at once. I received no letter while absent, though my wife wrote me several, and I conclude that the one you wrote to me from Santa Fe shared a like fate with hers. Fortunately I had sufficient money to bring me through without what it was to contain. We shall have great need of more from the Board before we move in, but do not know that they will feel like advancing more. My half fare permits came too late to benefit me.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Charles A. Taylor

Salt Lake City, Utah  
Aug. 14, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

In reply to your from Omaha. Presbytery will meet at Logan next Friday evening, Aug. 20th at 7.30. We all go up Thursday evening. The train from the east arriving at 5.30 P. M. makes connection with the Utah Northern road and brings



us into Logan at 11 P. M.

One of the Courts is at St George the other at Parowan Day has arrived for American Fork. Wish you'd bring out another first class man like Day for Payson.

L've a favor of the Board appointing McEllian Capt. of Missions for Montana, Idaho, and Utah.

You must not fail to come and to see our new building and its equipments so you can report to the ladies east when you go.

Yours fraternally,  
Robt. G. McNiece.

Washington, D. C.  
Aug. 14, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 11th inst you are informed that the changes which you request in the contracts for carrying on schools at the Uintah, Moquis, and Western Shoshone agencies will be made. The contracts for the Pueblo boarding school has gone to Dr. Mendall to be executed, the terms bring those proposed by you viz. \$30 per quarter.

Yours respectfully,  
E. J. Brooks,  
Acting Commissioner.

Conejos, Col.  
Aug. 14, 1880

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Darley was here three weeks ago last Wednesday. Stopped at Strauss' for dinner. Had a long and doleful story to tell of the trials and worry he had endured from "meddlesome women." But now he was on the war-path. Had taken Jackson down a step and would serve some of the rest the same.

Strauss said he told him he had heard both sides, but that he should take up with neither, "and", he added in telling me, "neither will I, till it comes before the church. It is none of my bread and butter".

He said he thought Mr Darley intended making trouble through the officers of the church. I said I should not say a word here, but let him have his own way till next meeting of Presbytery.

That is all I know except that Strauss' mother told me Mr Darley said "what Miss Smith did, she did through ignorance



but that I was his bitter enemy".

Now here I want to say a word about Mr. Strauss. The Mexicans have never repeated to me a word of his in regard to these affairs. He never liked Mr. Darley but he said he had never expressed his opinion to any of the Mexicans except his wife, and I believe that to be the truth.

If Mr. Darley has told these people, as I suppose he has that I have made false statements, I want the Presbytery to take it up and either make an example of me or clear me entirely and I want you to proceed against me if necessary. I believe it will be best for the cause and I can afford all the injury that will result to me in either case, I am found guilty.

But my principal object in writing today is not to discuss Darley or myself but Mr. Jacobs and the substance of it all will be. I have no confidence in the man, and I do not want him to interpret for Mr. Morton when he comes. I believe of him as Miss Smith does of Mr. Darley that "he has a wonderful faculty for telling the truth in such a way as to carry an impression exactly the reverse of the truth." And then he is so changeable. All the latter part of the winter he talked very much against Mr. Darley. He thought he ought to be licensed at the spring meeting of Presbytery and was very indignant that Mr. Darley should wish him to wait till fall. He was going to spend his life in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ and if no society saw fit to accept of his services he would work alone as the servant of the Lord. He had so much to say against Mr. Darley that his neighbors on La Jarra said it was a shame for him after receiving as many favors as he had.

I've not talked with him of Mr. Darley since Pres. The first time he came, June 29th he had Feliz Ortega with him. Said he had had two letters from Mr. Darley and that Mr. Darley was doing now just what suited him, travelling and raising money. That Mr. Darley was a rustler anyhow. This was said in such a sympathetic regretful manner that I imagined he was wishing he could travel and raise money too.

Next morning he and Feliz came into the school room and he said he was going to take Feliz out with him that day and he had said he would give him half of the money received.

Feliz was back in school in the afternoon and when he had a chance to talk with me he said that Mr. Darley had written Mr. Jacobs that the Board had withheld his salary for the last quarter because I had said in Presbytery that he taught the laying on of hands. That Mr. Darley was a good minister and spoke the Mexican, and Sisneros, Juan Gomez, ~~Presbytery~~ and perhaps Juan Bautista Tacon were going to Presbytery in the fall and Sisneros would pay an interpreter and they were going to ask to have Mr. Darley back again. That it would take a new minister a long time to learn the language and that Mr. Jacobs would not interpret for anyone



but Mr. Darley. That David Strauss understood the language well enough but he would be ashamed (bashful)

I simply shrugged my shoulders like a Mexican and replied that it was no affair for the Board and Presbytery to settle. That the Board had sent Dr. Jackson here to see about it. Yes he said, but Jackson was to be turned out too, that the ministers in New Mexico at Taos, Las Vegas, and Santa Fe were very mad at him because he had sent away a good minister, one that spoke Mexican well. He finished by saying that he was very mad with anyone who spoke against Mr. Darley, but I did not then understand the word he used so that it failed of its effect. However he seemed to forget all about it, after that day.

Since Mr. Darley was here last, one of the members broached the subject, but in a friendly way and in the course of the conversation he told me that Mr. Jacobs had told them to petition to have Mr. Darley back, and though I understood him but imperfectly, I gathered that Sisneros thought possibly Presbytery might have know something against Mr. Darley was the reason he was not allowed to come back. Sisneros is the Juniorelder and I believe will turn out the better man.

Mr. Jacobs preached Wednesday evening June 30th, was on his way down to New Mexico. Told me of his visit to Taos early in June. Said things had been dragging along there not much being done till he went down and got to stirring about among the people and then they had a revival directly, and 13 were received into the church. Unfortunately I abruptly asked "And the result of whose seed sowing was it?" "Oh" he said "Padra Martinez's who left the Romish church many years ago.

He used to disapprove of Mr. Roberts. This time they were good friends. Mr. Roberts wanted him to put up the school house at Las Borrchas. He was going to sell his ranch, pay up his debts and move to Taos. He wanted to be near a school that was likely to be permanent. Mrs. Roberts had money to educate children but had no children to educate, so she might educate his. One thing I dislike in him is his want of manly independence, he would rather beg than work.

He preached here again July 24th and Wednesday night of this week. Come Tuesday evening. I believe the original part of his sermons gives the people more vivid impressions of the sins of the priests than of their own sinfulness.

I consider him a failure as a colporteur also. It would make another long story to tell you why. Mrs. Newcomb told me last winter that he was not doing much good amongst the Mexicans because they considered him dishonest and gave as instances his selling the cheap Bible for \$5.00 and his wagon trade with a Bible to boot and he cheated the Mexicans, for his wagon lacked two thimbles and the Mexicans did not take off the wheels to look at it before trading so did not know it.

I have written Mr. Norton asking him to come here until



he decides where to locate, and this is to you because I do not want to say one word to him against either Mr Darley or Mr Jacobs, and I do not want either of them to give him any of their ideas of the Mexicans or the Mexican's work.

He will do better left to himself.

My school is quite small but I have not been at all well and have thought it best, all things considered to keep as quiet as possible. Now my health is beginning to improve a little.

Miss Smith has had an attack of sickness but holds on bravely. When will Mr Horton come?

I would rather not have repeated anything referring to yourself. What I have written is all that I heard and I have asked no questions. It was only to show the want of prudence

The only time I have said anything to a Mexican that was not favorable to Mr Darley, was when Sisneros the elder wanted to know something as to the proceedings of Pres. in regard to Mr Darley saying that Bro. **Manzanares** could not understand I told him that Pres. did not consider Mr Darley a bad man, but that his judgment was not good in affairs connected with the School. That he was wrong in teaching them to discard remedies and depend upon prayer alone, for the cure of the sick, and that he had said to me, when I questioned as to some of his beliefs, that if Presbytery did not allow him preach such things, he would leave Presbytery and preach by himself.

I have no personal difference with Mr Jacobs so far as I know.

One day I was lecturing Feliz a little because he had told me of getting the better of Mr Jacobs in a horse-trade, and in the course of the conversation I remarked that Mr Jacobs had many things to learn yet, as he had been a Christian less than two years. In the same conversation he told me he thought Mr Jacobs must make a great deal of money with his books; that he had sold a little Bible in the Rio Colorado for five dollars, and that he had sold a \$2.50 Bible to one of Martinez's in Taos for \$6 or \$8.50 and I think he mentioned another case of the kind. The truth of this could be ascertained from Mr. Roberts. Then I said I did not know whether the society would approve of this or not. That is all the fault I have ever found with him to a Mexican. He told me a few weeks ago that a petition or something of the kind was being worked up in New Mexico that would help him greatly. That Mr. Roberts wanted him to travel with the Evangelists and show them how to do.

He talks like a martyr of the sacrifices he is obliged to make to sell his ranch to pay debts contracted in the service of the society, but the most pressing debt I know of, is for money \$20 borrowed to invest in Spanish books, school books, to carry along with his Bibles to speculate upon. A burro was able to carry him and the Bibles but an extension of business necessitated a wagon and horses and there the



trouble began.

From what he said this week I judge he is out of the employ of the society, yet he told me he intended to give security, procure a hundred large copies of the Bible and sell upon his own account. I believe Bibles can be sold and well sold through this country but I do not want him to do it.

He says he received orders from you to call upon Mr. Stout, to visit the churches and administer the ordinances in company with himself as interpreter. He wrote Mr. Stout a postal card to that effect and seemed quite indignant that he received no answer. I told him that, of course, Mr. Stout did not receive it. Since I have thought it over, I believe he suspected Mr. Stout did not want to come. I told him Mr. Stout has not yet been ordained that I knew of. It will not be best at present for a knowledge of the contents of this letter to come into possession of the Mexicans.

Very sincerely yours,  
Malana Conaway.

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Conejos, Colorado.  
Aug. 16, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

I wish you would write to David Strauss of this place, to tell you what he knows and what he thinks of Mr. Darley and Mr. Jacobs. I do not think you need take the trouble to write to me. I believe I did not mention that Mr. Darley had been security for Mr. Jacobs on two of his notes.

Very respectfully yours,  
Malana Conaway.

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Irwin, Col.  
Aug. 16, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

Yours from Washington has just reached me. We shall be delighted to have you come to attend to our organization, and the business can be arranged to suit your convenience. The position of affairs is this. Some time after I sent off the petition to you, I received a letter from Bro. Herritt of Poncha Springs offering to come over and organize us at Gunnison and Ruby (Irwin) I replied stating that I had made application to Presbytery and of course must wait their action. Mr. M. replied that were he in my place he would not delay the matter till after the meeting of Presbytery but organize at once. Well I let the matter lie till it seemed



evident that my letter to you had been lost, and then thinking that some step ought to be taken, I wrote Mr. Merritt that if he still chose to come over the 5th Sunday of Aug. (the time he had specified) all right. I must say however I don't see where he would get his authority for organizing, but he ought to know church order better than I who have been drilled alone in the Southern revised Book of Discipline.

But now that I have heard from you I shall write to Bro. M. that the matter is in your hands and that you will probably make your own arrangements. Now we will wait on you. Please let us know just when you can come. I have a cabin here and can accommodate you so that you will not be consigned to the tender mercies of the boarding houses. There is no hotel in town. You will find the visit to this camp very interesting. Do come by all means. I should like to have Mrs. Shepherd come down with you if she can make arrangements to do so. I will write her at once and tell her to communicate with you and if possible secure the benefit of your protection. I am inclined to think that you would do best to come straight to Irwin. There is no reasonable doubt as to the importance of our work here. On the other hand the lull in the railroad projects for coming into this valley, has had a bad effect on Gunnison and things are at a stand still. You would doubtless want to see the situation with your own eyes before deciding. The mines here are developing more and more favorably and the **sampling and washing works** are being rapidly pushed forward. Our work seems to be prospered. I have fine audiences at preaching and the S. S. and prayer meeting are reasonably well attended. We could build almost any time but the foolish rivalry between the towns puts us at a disadvantage and we are lying on our oars watching the situation. We worship in a tent 18 by 45 which costs us nothing. I have not visited Gunnison for the simple fact that they have preaching there regularly, while if I leave Irwin there is absolutely no religious service of any kind. Now this is the larger place and the wickeder also, and I thought it the better policy to stick closely here for the present, especially as the instructions of the Board seem to point to that.

Please let me hear from you at once.

Very respectfully,

Chas. M. Shepherd.

P. S. I hear the Board has sent me a remittance. Can remit your money to you at Denver or pay it to you in person when you come, just as you please.

Monument, Col.  
Aug. 16, 1880

Dear Bro:



Yours received this morning. I go away this P. M. to return Thursday P. M. Come if possible on Friday or Saturday for I want to see you before I go. If you go to Pres. at Santa Fe you might stop if you cannot come before. Thanks for the excellent service you have rendered in the matter, all is satisfactory and we shall get to the field just as early as possible, and try to prove ourselves acceptable laborers in this new and important field.

Charles A. Taylor.

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 Denver, Col.  
 Aug. 16, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Dear Brother:

The reason Mr. Lewis did not keep his appointment with you, is that his sister was taken very ill, with what we feared was diphtheria but which we now doubt. She is some what better so that this afternoon he left her to my care alone. If you will kindly write letters to your friends, in as many of the enclosed places, I shall be very grateful indeed. If you will please send them here to me at the American House, I will forward them to Mr. Lewis. I enclose stamps so that you can send them through the P.O. if most convenient. If Miss L. recovers sufficiently we shall endeavour to give ourselves the pleasure of a call at your house. Shall be very glad to see you or Miss Daisy at any time, while here.

I enclose list of places.

Yours gratefully,  
 Mrs. A. E. Young.  
 (Mrs. Brigham Young)

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 Elko, Nevada  
 Aug. 17, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
 Denver, Col.

Dear Bro:

On last Sabbath our school gave their collection for "that canoe" to help the girls of Alaska to a canoe ride. They were very much interested in Robert Hamilton's letter and I send as a result to you \$2.65 which you will please credit to Elko Presbyterian Sabbath School. We wish it were more.

Superintendent.



Mesilla, New Mexico.

Aug. 17, 1880

Dear Brother:

Yours with letter of Mrs Palmer received- was pleased to hear from you. We are in need of books and will write for them. As regards the school, I will write you definitely as soon as we can get school started; would like to open school the first week in September.

I never had so many trials and discouragements as I meet at this place. Some of the Mexicans seem determined to keep me from getting a house or room for a school or a church.

I have faith enough to believe the Lord will in His own good time and way provide for us. Yet I fear we cannot make our salary keep us.

I have a property in view that will be sold soon at Sheriff's sale, and I think I can secure someone to purchase for us. Mrs Graham of New York writes me she will give us five-hundred dollars. if so, we will have a building if I have to build it myself.

I still remain in our one room and cook in the workhouse at the Hotel.

Mrs Woods has returned from Shakespere and her husband has rented a drinking saloon and keeps it open upon the Sabbath. However I must say for Mrs W, she is decidedly opposed to it. I never met a more reckless, careless and wicked people as we have. It seems as if Satan had every one bound.

I have preached twice every Sabbath here- every Sabbath quite frequently at Los Cruces (see enclosed slip- it speaks for itself about matters at that place) I have had fever and ague for nearly three weeks, but hope the cold weather will stop them. My wife and children are very well.

Yours fraternally,

Thomas Thompson.

Monroe, Michigan

Aug. 17th 1880.

Dr Jackson;

My dear Bro.

Our Dr. Kendall has just informed me that you will soon take a trip into New Mexico to be present at the meeting of the Santa Fe Pres.- and he urges me to go out to Denver and look at Colorado, and then go on with you to Santa Fe and look at that old city.

I think very favorably of doing so. Will you please inform me by return of mail when you shall leave Denver for New Mexico? I have just within two days thought of going out at present having intended to visit the far West in Oct. . Therefore I hope you will not leave Denver before the last of



this month or the first of September, that I may have your company. Could you do anything to obtain reduced tickets to Denver from Chicago? If you can, I shall be greatly obliged to you.

I think of settling in the West or South on account of the health of my family, but wish first to see the country.

In great haste,

Yours truly,

E.J.Boyd.

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Sitka, Alaska

August 18th, 1880.

Hon. John Sherman,  
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I understand that the Presbyterian Board of Missions contemplates making an effort to purchase the old Marine Hospital Building in this place with a view of fitting up the same for an Industrial and Missionary School.

If such an offer is made, I respectfully recommend that the same be accepted, as the building and grounds are now of no use whatever to the government and the house is in a most delapidated condition, and must in a few months become almost useless, unless it could be repaired and occupied. There is no prospect, that I can see of its becoming of service for its former purpose within many years, unless there should be a new order of things here, such as it seems almost useless to look for; nor is it probable it could be made profitable for any other purpose without much outlay.

Besides this I consider the use by the Mission Board, in the manner proposed, would be in the highest degree beneficial to and promotive of the development and improvement of this country, and thereby inure to the benefit of the Government.

Very respectfully,

M.D.Ball.

Collector.

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23 Centre Street, New York.

Aug. 18th, 1880.

Dr. Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am sure it will be quite impossible for Miss Tillie A.Wray to meet either you or Mr Kennedy by the 25th or 26th inst. Still I have written to her urging her to be ready to get to Omaha by the 11th of Sep.



Mrs. Geo. L. Little writes very kindly in regard to providing for these teachers over Sept. 12th.

Please make no arrangements for us with Miss Grimstead, she has been tried on the foreign field and ----- Mrs. Graham under whose direction she went to Siam told me she would not take her for a home missionary, and this just at a time when she was looking for teachers, and we gave her Miss Lawet. I will write another time about Miss McMullin. If she prefer New Mexico it seems to me that she might go there. I will do as you suggest for next Rocky, too late this month.

We are glad of that \$100 for Mr. Taylor's house. I had already written him to go on with the building of it.

Yours respectfully,  
F. E. H. Haines.

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

August 18, 1880

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 16th inst was received to night. I had a letter from Albuquerque a few days ago, naming several places for rent; but the committee said nothing about paying the rent.

I will cooperate as far as possible with any teachers whom you may select. Mrs. Perkins is a she devil or else Mrs. McMahon is a liar. I have a good deal of confidence in Mrs. McMahon. I feel sure that the two cannot live in the same house. Mrs. Mc. is probably not a first rate teacher, but I should think she would be a good matron. Miss Shields would be well adapted to the place under most circumstances, but I fear would not harmonize with Mrs. Perkins because she Miss S. is not a weak party. You asked for my views and I have given them; now please act upon your own judgement in the light of all the facts and I will cooperate.

Unless something unforeseen occurs the team will be at your service at the time named.

In haste

Very truly yours,  
S. M. Thomas.

P. S. Lodge with me, I am still a bachelor.

Thos.

Rawlins,

August 18, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:



I send to day to Mr. Westwood an application for aid in building a church. Our model is the one in report of church erection for '79 page 37 only 2 feet wider and 10 feet longer. I believe he is the chairman of the committee on Church erection. I hope you will give me your moral support with the Board. Our town is just dashing ahead with no uncertain impulse. Our house is worn out, it is also too small for our present congregations and more would come if the place were not too strait and too uncomfortable. And now or never is the time to build. The first house erected will be the one that will get the towns aid. Will you be kind enough to drop a postal to Dr. Wilson with a good word. I have no Lowther to help as in Pueblo. We want to make a good out post toward Mormonism. .. I could get the amount asked by going on. I have friends in Rochester, Cincinnati, and Jersey but I can't leave a day now or some one else would take the field.

Yours,  
W. E. Hamilton.

Hockstown, Beaver Co., Pa.  
August 18, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

This day we have our family gathering and we anticipate a pleasant time. There are 25 of us children and grandchildren and most already here.

But my mind is on something else. We have been arranging to start for our field on next Tues. (24) have our goods at the old parsonage such as we will not need disposed of and the rest stored in Pittsburgh ready for shipping. But it seems we will not get off for another week. Your cards came yesterday and as one of them has to go to Topeka and an answer awaited this will detain us. What is more I have thus far failed in getting my arrangements completed from Indianapolis to St Louis. I have orders for self and wife from Mr. Fulton of Pitts. on the P. C. & St L. to Indianapolis and wrote on to Mr. Emmet of the Vandalia line as directed informing him of this fact and asking the same to St Louis. But he answers he is sorry he cannot grant it save to ministers resident along the line. I wrote last night to Mr. O'Brien of Columbus to ask what he can do for me and hope all will yet be right.

As to my field I have letters from Mr. Shetcher and Miss Smith, Ross and Conaway. I have that it is best to go at once among the Mexicans and therefore expect to go to Miss Conaway near Conejos. After spending some time there among the people and acquiring the language, I can then choose a better point. Tell me if you think this wise. I want to do the best and trust the Dear Lord to fit me for the work. Am sorry we can-



not be off as soon as we expected.  
Yours fraternally,  
F. W. Norton.

Secorro, N. M.  
July 19, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I was taken down at Las Vegas with a spell of fever and was detained sometime but came on here last week. The prospects of this place are very encouraging certainly, many people coming in and the mines showing finely. The R. R. will be here in 10 to 15 days. Brown and Manzanores of Las Vegas are laying out an addition to the town, joining it toward the river and are to build a large Com. house and make this head quarters for their Southern trade.

The Methodists have a little church here, and kindly invite me to occupy it part of the time with them. I will see about getting a lot for a church as soon as the streets are marked out in the addition and it is clearly apparent where it ought to be built. This is the prettiest looking town I have seen in the territory, and has the name of being healthy.

If you come, get the R.R. to furnish me a pass. I will occupy Albuquerque and other points as you advise, but it would be impossible for me to pay fare and go. Living I find very high in the Territory.

I left my family at Las Vegas until I can get some rooms here, and the R.R. gets here. You perhaps can get me a pass

I think it will take personal application and representations of the case to secure it.

Yours very truly,  
S. D. Fulton.

Elko, Nevada.  
August 20, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Rev. and Dear Brother:

You will remember our short interview at Elko when you and Dr. Kendall were on your way to Alaska last year. Our Shoshone Indians amongst whom I was going to live were spoken of. I feel grateful to you for securing the tribe to our Presbyterian church, and that you are permitted to elect a teacher for a school about to be established among them. I went as appointed and took charge of their temporary affairs last summer, farming, permanent improvements, distribution of rations, whilst the agent J. How lived at Elko one hundred miles off. How knows nothing what ever of how



work should be done or carried on, and cannot tell the difference between a head of wheat and a head of barley. I remained six months on the reservation, but I found the affairs so corrupt, theft so great, and destruction of property so enormous, conscientiously I could not remain, so I sent in my resignation and left. How was displeased at this and kept up bitter hostility ever since. He is aware I know more of his transactions with the agency than he supposed I did, so he has endeavored to calumniate me, I suppose in order to justify himself. I understand by Dr. Compton of Elko you wrote to How in reference to me, and he has said he would use every exertion in his power to keep me out. Sent the Dr. word to that effect. I am tempted sometimes to expose him to the Department of the Interior but again think of the muss trouble and expense it would incur, and refrain. There has never anything dishonorable been brought up against me. It is all his talk. He living one hundred miles off all the time. I write this by way of explanation of anything he may say.

My living among these Indians so long, getting acquainted with their names, habits, language and peculiarities would be an advantage. My wife is a devoted pious member of the Presbyterian church. She is a graduate of Rockford Female Seminary, Ill. Has a life diploma for teaching from the state University Cal. one of the best Institutions of the kind in the Union. Has not been out of the school-room one year in succession since she was five years of age- is now thirty-eight. Has been Principal of several Public Schools, and had charge of Alexandria Academy at Healdsburg, Cal., which is under the care of Bonanza Presbytery. Here she was Principal for years and had charge of a large number of boarding pupils at the same time, sending out dozens of teachers. And now by the venom of a fearfully wicked, blasphemous, dishonest man prevented from occupying a position, I believe her to be peculiarly adapted for. Had the application been for her there might not have been so much opposition.

Fraternally,

E. McCulloch.

P. S. In addition to what I have written, I might state I have labored in the ministry in Cal. twenty five years. Through God's aid and blessing have organized and built several churches. Collected thousands of dollars for church purposes, and have not been out of the pulpit for one Sabbath from sickness of any kind during that time. Have kept up services riding on horseback forty miles on Sabbath and preaching three times. This for years. Have taught a week day school preached twice on Sabbath and superintended a school as well as kept up a Wednesday evening prayer meeting. I walked to and from my school each morning and evening eight mile each way. All this at the same time. The teaching was more to assist in the support of my family than anything else. During my ministry I have not been an hour sick. I often thought if



I could secure a support, frontier work or the work of an Evangelist would suit me best. But travelling expenses are so heavy, I never could accomplish much in that way. I have read with the deepest interest your labor and work in the West. They have been most remarkable. While on the reservation I came once a month to Elko one hundred miles on horseback in order to keep up services in our church here, and return on Monday evening.

I feel ashamed that I have not done more for the R. M. F. but poverty is my excuse. I would like to hear from you my dear christian brother but fear reports may prevent. May god give you a long life of continued usefulness, and to his name be praise.

E. M.

San Luis, Col.  
Aug. 20, 1880

Dr. Jackson:

I received your letter of August 18th this morning, and it is the first I have heard of my going with Miss Ross.

The last word I had from you was telling me you would not need me at Santa Fe. Perhaps you have written and I did not get the letter. Miss Ross has gone to see Miss Smith will be back to morrow. There is a letter here for her from you, it may explain matters more fully to me. I am anxious to go and will be ready as soon as possible, but would like to know something more definite.

Yours respectfully,  
Emma Fletcher.

Denver, Col.  
Aug. 21, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

I saw by the morning paper that you had returned. In the matter of the place claim of Wm. F. Dorherty at Idaho Springs in which you had an interest and then you decided back that interest. The Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington under date of June 17th, 1880, writes as follows-

"2d The claimant locates the claim March 17, 1874.

" September 7, 1874 he transferred a portion (described by courses and distances) to Sheldon Jackson.

May 9, 1874 Sheldon Jackson transferred back to claimant a certain tract of land (described by courses and distances) these two tracts should have been identical for the claimant to show clear title but a discrepancy between the courses and



distances of the two deeds occurs. Satisfactory proof that Sheldon Jackson transferred back to claimant all land conveyed by deed of Sept. 7. is required. A quit claim deed of all right title and interests will settle the matter and put the claim in condition for patent. Will you be kind enough to come to my office when I prepare such a deed.

Respectfully yours,  
Wm. A. Arnold.  
Att'y for Dorherty.

Conejos, Col.  
Aug. 22, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 9th inst is received. Will you be so good as to give me some information about the place you offer. What is its name? Is there a school there? Is there a missionary there or near, or a church? How soon would I be wanted? By what route and what probable expense? I do not feel the necessity of a change at present, have not been well all summer and have not much power to resist the cold weather when it may come. I feel much interest in Colorado, and shall regret to leave it, especially when I hope the arrival of Mr. Morton may mark a new era in the work among the Mexican population. My school is very small, and I have had much discomfort with leaky roofs, have not used the school room for five weeks. Still I do not regret coming. My two boys or young men are making good progress and as they are christians and soon will take an active part in the church, I am anxious to do all I can to help them.

The people will return to the plaza in October but I shall not attempt to carry on the school, they can find some one else. I have to cross a court to the kitchen and school room and am exposed to the north and northwest wind. There is no window in the kitchen where I teach. If I could remain Miss Conaway would probably need me, but when she would need me most I might have to leave on account of the cold.

With sincere respect and regard.

Elizabeth B. Smith.

P. S. I am not a strong minded woman, cannot undertake anything great, am willing to help the over worked, be a substitute or teach alone near other teachers or missionaries. I like to be near those that can afford aid and comfort even if I never ask it, am not cowardly physically.

E. B. S.



Office of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.  
Aug. 23, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 11th inst relative to making renewed efforts for securing Navajo children for the Carlisle school, I have to inform you that the Hon. Secretary has authorized you to make a second trip to that agency for that purpose. Twenty children may be selected, and Mr. Thos. Neams and three chiefs may be allowed to accompany the party to Carlisle and to visit Washington. Manuelito's son of 24 years of age may be accepted, provided such a concession will materially affect the securing of other children; but you will bear in mind that the best work is accomplished with children not over fifteen years old.

You will keep this office informed of your action, and call upon it for the necessary transportation of the children.

Yours respectfully,  
E. Marble.  
Acting Commissioner.

Office of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.  
Aug. 23, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Sir:

In compliance with request contained in your communication of the 16th inst Agent Thomas and acting agent Bennett have been requested to arrange for the transportation of yourself and teachers to Jemez and the Navajo Agency, from Santa Fe and Ft. Wingate on the 31st of August and the 6th of Sept. respectively.

Yours respectfully,  
E. Marble.  
Acting Commissioner.

Lake City, Col.  
Aug. 23, 1880

Dear Doctor Jackson:

I came over here last Saturday to have a talk with Darley. I wrote sometime ago to Mr. Kerr but as the letter reached Denver while he was on his vacation I suppose he has not read it yet. In it I told him that I would have to leave Ouray and the mountains altogether on account of the altitude affecting me very much as it did at Leadville; also that I



meant to go east for I feel that my western work is done when I can't work in the mountains. But any way it seems best to nearly all who care for our church in Ouray to close it at present and Mr. Darley agrees. I can explain the reasons better should I see you but while the church is open it just gives Smith a chance to use his tongue. I will go back tomorrow or next day and hold service on two more Sundays, have a new board of trustees elected and then go out leaving the church closed and give a chance for the talk to die down. We also think it will not be best to send another man in before next spring. He could do little or nothing with two other churches among perhaps 400 people there. But I do hope something can be done to silence Smith. I suppose it will get me into plenty of trouble to testify against him, but I'll suffer anything to save the church the disgrace that he will bring upon her. Only I suppose it will take a long time to bring him to trial and I don't know what to do with myself during that time. There is no use of staying in Ouray, and I pity any man who takes hold of the Presbyterian church there while Smith is known as a Presbyterian minister.

H. L. Janeway.

Poncha Springs, Col.

Aug. 23, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I have heard that you are soon to make a trip to points in the Gunnison country, and write to ask you to make this point one on both ways and spend as much time with us as possible. We want very much to consult with you in regard to our church matters, particularly as relating to our minister. Our fears concerning him when first we learned he was to come here are more than confirmed and it will be impossible to secure any assistance from our people to keep him here, while we can probably raise \$400 or \$500 toward the support of some one who is acceptable to the majority of our people.

The Episcopalians and Methodists will be in here very soon and if we retain the foot hold we have now we must have a different man. I should judge from some remarks from Mr. Gage that the importance of this point and field had been very much underestimated, at least he seemed very much surprised to find just the condition of the place. We understand how Mr. Merritt came here, but it seems to me the question is now, how to get a suitable man here soon? Have said nothing to him as to the feeling about him which has begun to show itself very strongly in the last week.

I did not intend to write so much. Should be very glad to see you and discuss matters.

Very truly yours,  
Chas. E. Walker.



P. S. We expect to build a church this fall.

Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Aug. 26, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

You will excuse the Presbytery of Utah for taking a good laugh when they heard that you were kept away by having the numps! We attended to all that little business when we were children.

I returned from Presbytery on Tuesday. We had a good meeting and were sorry that you could not be with us. But we most heartily adopted your suggestion about the education of the Indians at the Uintah Agency. We don't see the propriety of the Foreign Board coming into Utah to meddle with the work here. We also adopted a paper urging the Board to constitute a new Mission District of Utah, Idaho, and Montana and put McMillan in charge of it. We blocked out a vast amount of work for the coming year. The coming of the 18 new teachers whom the Board have selected will enable us to open 18 new schools, besides strengthening those already open. We shall have 26 schools and 37 teachers.

I enclose letters to you from Mrs. Haines who supposed you would attend Presbytery. They came in an envelope directed to "Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. or Rev. F. G. McNiece".

I cannot stop to give you details of our meeting at Logan. We ordained Bro. Morton of Manti and dedicated Bro. Parkes new chapel. He has a beauty of a building, just the thing for chapel and school. We recommended others who are proposing to build to model after it.

I wish you'd find two good men for Utah, one for Malad City and another at Payson. The latter is a very important field. We also want another minister in Coche Valley one in Levier Co. and over in Fillmore.

I think it would be a good idea for you to join that band of new teachers at Omaha and come out here with them for by the time you ride with them 3 days you will learn something about their relative wants. The final distribution of them was left in the hands of our Standing Com. on N. M. McMillan, Gillespie, Elder Agnes, and myself.

I hope you will be able to show the Board the wisdom of constituting the new Mission Districts. Our new school building will be dedicated on Monday evening. Gov. Murray will be present and deliver and address.

Mrs. Huntington is expected here this week.

Cordially yours,  
Robt. G. McNiece.



Denver, Col.

Aug. 26, 1880

I do hereby affirm that on or about June 30th, 1880 I did pay to the driver at Pena Blanca, my stage fare from Santa Fe to Sauysero and did there sign the way bill in presence of the gentleman in charge of the little store there, and with pen and ink furnished by him the amount of said fare as claimed by said driver being \$8.10 I do further affirm that on or about July 6th, 1880 I did pay to another driver the stage fare from Sauysero to St. Wingate and did sign his way bill for same. the fare being \$18.40 The exact dates of these payments as entered in my day book are June 30th and July 6th respectively.

Charles A. Taylor.

On the cars eight miles from Elko, Nevada.

Aug. 28, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I mailed you a letter yesterday and forgot to say that Mr. Shurz put How into office here and at the change of the present administration both will leave. I presume the arrangements will not be ready to commence the school before spring. Then I might be allowed to have it with out oppositio However use your own judgement irrespective of my wishes or suggestions.

With earnest prayers for your welfare and the prosperity of our cause, I am

Yours fraternally,  
E. McCulloch.

Monroe, Utah.

Aug. 28, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Denver, Col.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd has just this day reached me.

I find it too late to leave here at present and make the hurried preparations that are necessary to be absent some four weeks or more as in my trip I wish to visit Kansas, Colorado, as well as New Mexico. It may be you will be visiting New Mexico in October. When and where do your Synod meet.

I could I presume arrange it so as to be present at that if it is the last of Sept. or sometime in Oct. I can any time after the middle of Sept. come even if I have no days notice of the meeting. I wish very much to see you, and to look at Denver, it may be the best place where I may want to



establish a school of Art and Music; my two daughters being very fine in music and one in painting and drawing. I wish though to do some work in preaching this glorious gospel. I think with some place which there is a church for me to supply. I find here plenty of churches that want me but I wish for my daughters sake a climate very different from this of Michigan, and I have the impression that Colorado, or New Mexico will furnish the desirable location some where. Please let me hear from you soon. I fear you may have left Santa Fe for the meeting of the Presbytery before this can reach you, so I shall direct it to Jemez, N. M. where I judge you will be for a time at the meeting of the Presbytery.

Hoping to hear from you soon in regard to the state of things at Santa Fe pertaining to the Pres. Church and the prospect of anything in regard to Art or General educational matters. Are not Americans coming in in good numbers to Santa Fe?

Yours truly,  
E. J. Boyd.

23 Centre st, New York.  
Aug. 28, 1880

Dear Daisy:

I received your postal card about your father's sickness.

I want you to give him my sympathy. Tell him from me to turn all business out of his mind and lie still till he gets well. The Lord can manage with out him for a while.

Tell him Mr. Little can take care of the Utah teachers at Omaha, and we will write to Messrs. Knowles, McNiece, Mc Millan to take care of them on their arrival at Utah.

I want you to send me a postal card every day or two about your father. Send me one now!

Give my kindest regards to your mother and Pessie.

Your uncle and aunt Norcross were in an hour ago.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Albuquerque, N. M.  
July 28, 1880

S. D. Fulton,  
Dear Sir:

Received your letter of the 19th inst. We wondered what had become of you. Dr. Jackson was here on the 16th, he told us some of you must be sick or you certainly would have been here. You ask me what our prospect was for Albuquerque; the present looks rather gloomy. I do not know of a place we



could get to preach in, rooms for holding church, suitable ones are very scarce. Mr. and Mrs. Conklin members of our church here, are now living in Socorro, you have no doubt found them before this. Mrs. Crain another of our members has gone east, so you see we are few at this time. We to hear Rev. Asgley on Sunday morning, had a very small congregation. Mr. Ashley told me he had thought of going to Socorro

We are having a rough time just now in consequence of the wash outs. No mail and not very plenty of provisions. Everything seems dull just now. I may get to Socorro when the road once reaches there. As you will be up to look around and can have a much better idea of the field, will close

Most respectfully,  
A. E. Ealy.

Colorado Springs, Col.  
Aug. 28, 1880

Dear Bro:

I expect to visit some friends in Denver next week or early the week after, to spend only a day or two. If you have a field for me out from Denver, I would like to look at it then, as it would save some expense of travel on the R. R.

I cannot defer my visit to Denver later than the sixth of October, as my ticket is limited. If the field is south or west from this point, I could visit it after my return.

Very truly,  
Levi. E. Wilson.

Monument, Col.  
Aug. 31, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My dear Brother:

I was very doubtful of seeing you on the train yesterday or I should have gone up to the divide and ridden down with you as I very much desired to talk the matter of my brother over with you. I write you this morning to say just how we feel about it. My brother (Wm. E. Taylor) has an earnest desire to do mission work, which was one reason of his desiring the agency at Moqui, as he thought that in that capacity he could do mission work with out assuming the responsibilities of a missionary or teacher. He considers himself unqualified for so responsible a position and yet he hopes that his services at this time may be better than none, and if the church is ready to accept of his services in this capacity for one year, he is ready to undertake it with all his might, sincerely hoping that one year's experience may fit him to hold the post many years longer.



Not knowing what the salary is to be, he desires me to say that he will expect the same that the Missionary preceding him had, for although he is not as well prepared for the work intellectually he will give himself to the work with all his energies and will require a living.

Individually I desire to say that I should not think of giving my brother an unqualified recommendation for such a position. He has had no experience in teaching, and although he has a fair education in the common schools, he is deficient in orthography and writing. In these respects, however he will be diligent in business and fervent in spirit, and I believe that he will prove himself useful in this emergency, and I even hope with him, that after one year's service, notwithstanding his entire want of classical or literary training, he may have proved himself so practical a worker, as to commend him to your further employment.

He is an earnest Christian and has served this church over a year acceptably as an elder. In view of all the circumstances, and the probability of the schools being discontinued for a year, unless you make some such arrangement, I recommend him for the term of one year, hoping that the results may prove the wisdom of the step.

Let us hear as soon as convenient. If within two weeks at Pueblo- as I shall spend a Sabbath there- if later at Wingate. Received a letter from Mrs Haines instructing me to go on the building, cost not to exceed \$600. I am so grateful to the church for prompt response to our call, and I am in a hurry to be in the field.

Give much love to all of the Dr's family, and we may yet go by Santa Fe, as we can just as well have goods shipped there. Please write me, addressing me at Pueblo, and state whether there is now plenty of water and good grazing on road from Santa Fe, also give me some of the principal points on the road of which you spoke, over Mts from Pueblo as we shall inquire there and may find it better to go direct as possible not passing either Santa Fe nor Albuquerque.

Fraternally,  
Charles A. Taylor.

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Sitka, Alaska  
Aug. 31, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

As I stated in my last letter that I would try and write something for your paper this month. I have begun in time and have written a little which we would be glad if you would publish, especially our appeal for Christmas gifts.

We hope to have a good time then. I mention that we have means at hand to make our school-room comfortable for the win



ter. This was through the kindness of Mrs Pettis of Deersville, Ohio, who allowed us to use \$100. she had previously given me for the repairing of the room.

I did not explain this to you last month for the reason that I did so to Mrs Haines in answer to some questions she asked me and she said they expected to see you soon and then I supposed you might know how it was.

We expect to go on a little trip to one of the Indian towns North. We go with Mr Vanderbilt and his family, who have kindly invited Col. Ball's family and us to go on a short trip on the trading steamer which he commands now, and which makes monthly trips from here to the ports North. I do not know that we will get as far as the Chilcat town or not as we must try and get back by the time the California arrive. If we get back in time I will try and tell you about our trip.

We have had heavy rains for the past few days - the heaviest we have experienced in Alaska.

Mrs Lyons joins me in kindest regards to yourself and family.

Yours in Christ,  
G. W. Lyons.

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23 Centre Street. New York.  
Aug. 31st, 1880.

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

We are so thankful to know of your being better. It has not been thought best to delay teaching after the 11th of Sep- there were so many complications.

Mr W.B. Robe, wife and daughter are ready to go at a month's notice. In view of uncertainty he had to make a conditional engagement. His address is Neoga Cumberland Co, Illinois. I will send your Daisy's nice Postal to Dr. Kendall.

Several new teachers are on hand, but are all expecting to go to Utah. I think Mr Robe rather hopes for that Navajo Mission.

Yours truly,  
F.E.H. Haines.

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Fort Wingate. N.M.  
Sep. 2nd, 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir;

From what I can learn here a vacancy already exists or is about to occur in the position of Agent for Navajos, as W. Eastman has been instructed by the Department to turn all property &c over to Capt. Bennett dating



from June 30th.

During your stay here you stated in that event you would do what you could in getting me the position, as you were anxious to carry out the School arrangements so much desired by your Board, which I promised fully to do as I have always taken a great interest in the advancement of the tribe.

As your business takes you to Washington you will have every opportunity of helping me to obtain the position, which if I succeed in, am satisfied I can fill it with entire satisfaction to the Gov. your Board, and the Indians.

When do you expect to come this way again so that I can be prepared if it is possible to obtain some children to go East with you?

Navajoz killed a Mexican a few days ago on the Puerco and reports of parties of over a hundred in two different camps being all drunk and fighting among themselves.

Something should be done without delay to stop this devilish whiskey traffic. Its a disgrace to the country.

Either a special act of Congress or a proclamation of the President, so that no one guilty can escape the Penitentiary and every individual who has the interest of the Indian at heart should lose no time in carrying this measure out.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

Thomas V. Keams.

Idaho Springs, Col.

Sep. 2nd 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir;

At a meeting of the elders of the Presbyterian church of this place, it was resolved that we extend to you an invitation to visit us here at your earliest convenience, Rev. Mr. Caruthers having left here last Monday, hence we are without a Pastor to break unto us the Bread of Life, if you can make it convenient, we would be glad to have you spend a Sabbath with us. There are matters concerning our church that we would like to talk with you about, and we much need your counsel at the present time.

Respectfully yours in the love of the Gospel,

W. D. Price, Chairman.

A. Jackson.

R. Mathews, Clerk.

P. S. We had a fire here last Tuesday night, the Hotel De Paris was burned to the ground, and our church had a narrow escape. The end fronting to the street was badly scorched, and perhaps will have to be re-sided. I understand it is insured, but how and by whom, I am hardly aware. I suppose the Insurance Company are liable for such damages. Before you come



here please drop me a postal card and let me know when you will come; for the present I expect to preach once every Sabbath here until further arrangements are made.

Respectfully yours,  
W.D.Price.

Ft. Wrangel, Alaska.  
Sept. 4, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

There has nothing of special interest taken place since I wrote you. Mr. Young left for Chilcat soon after the steamer went down, so we have been trying to get along alone since then. But is a very poor way of doing; we are hoping every day that Dr. Colies will get home. We are quite settled now in the new Home, the carpenters are working now at the front porches; it will add very much to the appearance of the building when they are finished. Dr. Lindsley wrote to Mr. Young last mail that he was going to Philadelphia in Sept. and after the meeting of the Alliance he was going to Washington to see if there could not be something done for Alaska said he had some very influential friends there and he believed if he would go there would be something done.

Sept. 12th The steamer came in two days ago, brought me yours of Aug. 16th. I am very glad you have succeeded in getting some of the Indians from New Mexico into the school at Carlisle; but I cannot understand why the Government has forbidden any Indians sent from here to Portland or rather Forest Grove. Yes, I think you did a good days work in Washington. Dear me why cannot all Alaska schools be put in your care, then you might be able to do something of the same sort for us. Yes, your work seems to be growing and increasing wonderfully.

It seems a great change to hear of so many teachers being sent to New Mexico and Utah. This brings me to something I want to write to you about. I have a niece living at Sterling Rice Co. Kansas (my sister's daughter) who is very desirous of becoming a missionary. I did not know but you could secure her a position at some of the these places of which you write. But she is very young, and of course inexperienced in mission work; there could not go to any station alone; but could be sent as an assistant to some missionary and his wife. Her name is Jennie Purcell, Sterling, Kansas should you wish to write to her; or if you would write to Rev. Mr. Haworth of Starling (who is her pastor) you could learn all about her. I feel so sorry that the matter of sending men to the Chilcats or Hydah should be delayed so long. You speak of Mr. Caldwell, who is he? We have not heard of him before. Is he a minister, and where does he come from? What family has he? Yes it seems to take a long time to get started to Alaska after they are



commissioned. I am glad you have published little Hattie's Obituary. It was sent to you the same time last spring that it was sent to the others. You have heard ere this that we are in the new home. I have not a copy of Dr. Young's answer to the Banner, will ask Mrs. Young if she has it and will try and get it for you. I suppose Mrs. Dickinson has been commissioned before this time. Dr. Kendall speaks of it in his letter. But there is no person here that can be sent to the Hydahs. Dr. Kendall sent some money this time for the Home building, and I hope he will send enough next time to pay up everything. The Home is almost completed, would have been nearer done but we have had such long continued rains that the workmen have been hindered. You speak of me collecting curiosities, no, I do not think I can do anything in that way. You know how difficult it was when you were here to get anything from these Indians; besides Mr. Young has picked up everything there was of any account.

Well I suppose it is vain to wish you had wings, but I wish you could come to see us occasionally. If you ever wrote to me about selecting a girl to be supported by Rev. Stuart Ross of New Zealand your letter was lost. For the extract you sent me last mail from his letter was the first I had heard of him or his interest here. But the first girl I take I will willa Ross for him. I am expecting some Hyads soon. We have not received enough money yet for our canoe. Am very anxious to buy one that is here now. If I can borrow the money will secure it. Why did you not send the 25 cents the little boy sent, then I would have written him a long letter, his was a small contribution, but his funny letter may stir up others. Mrs. Boyd wrote me that there had been \$18.50 sent to her for the canoe and she had sent it to the home Board, but did not send it to me. I am surprised that Mr. Young would write you about a canoe just now. No one canoe will not do for him and us. I have been very particular that he should not get that idea. He is gone so much that the canoe would be no use to us if he was to take it whenever he wanted him. Besides the Board pays all the expenses of his trips, so I do not see but that it is just as well for him to hire a canoe. He has to hire Indians anyway and he can hire men with a canoe as well as to hire them without it. No I should think I would be ridiculous to ask the church to buy another boat just now. I am very sick of this thing of Mr. Young having to be away so much. His work is suffering at home in the meantime. If this thing is to be kept up (and I know nothing would please Mr. Y. better) I think we will need another man soon. I am sorry about the feeling between the two Boards (Ladies) in New York. It place me in a very unpleasant position, and makes me hardly know what to do.

I am surprised to see how much I have written. I fear you will feel I am taxing you.

Remember me to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.



Very truly yours,  
A. R. McFarland.

La Arkansas, Col.  
Sept. 5, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter from Trinidad received.

Dr. Kendall gave us to understand in June that it was unlikely anything could be done about opening a new station until next spring, and hearing nothing further from him we removed to the place about three weeks ago. I scarcely see how it would be possible now for us to leave this fall. Mother's health has been poor for sometime and she does not feel that she could stand the journey at all; and it would be somewhat difficult for me to change my business arrangements just now. If the Board had accerted our proposition of last June we would have re this bee at work among the Alaskans. But Dr. Kendall did not think it wise to start us out then and his reasoning seemed sound I must confess. I have advised him of the utter uncertainly of our future movements and not to depend on us until further notice. We are trying to do something here for the Master. Organized a Sabbath school last Sabbath of which I am Supt. and in which mother is a teacher. Our little church already numbers some 16 or 17 members and I expect to urge the matter of an erection of a church edifice very shortly. With proper exertion our church can and will hold the field in this wonderful little place, only 3 months old and yet with a population of 500 and rapidly growing.

We shall be very glad to see you here, but as far as Alaska is concerned I don't think we can give you much satisfaction just at present, though I still want very much to go there and if the Master opens up the way will certainly not be found halting.

Fraternally yours,  
A. T. Blachly.

Sitka, Alaska.  
Sept. 6, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of July 2d came to hand by last mail, but I did not have time to answer it then. The Moonas came down with so seas otters and I was busy up to the last moment in buying and getting the skins ready to ship. Since the steamer left 22 more skins have been brought down. Some of them have



from the neighborhood of Leapper river. We purchase most of the first lot and paid in cash, but have not touched any of the last. This you see throws a large sum of money into the hands of the Hoonas and the Yaqutats. One man bought a buck saw, a file, and a pair of hip gum boots. Another bought a fine suit of clothes the best in the place. Most of their money went for blankets. Even before they sold their skins several of their children were brought in and fitted with entire new suits from head to toe and when they paid they placed the money in the childrens hands that they might give it. I mention these things to show that this tribe is an interesting one. I refer you to my letter to Dr. Dickson written nearly two years ago when I visited those people.

Maj. Morris and his wife came last month, they stopped with Capt. M. on the ship. He and Capt. B. chartered the Favorite, Mr. Vanderbilt's trading steamer to cruise around after Fort Simpson Indians who are reported to be on the sea-otter grounds. They left on the 15th and returned on the 28th their game escaped them. They visited Hoonas, Chilcat, and Hoochweno or Kootsnoo. The Chilcats and the Chilcoots were about to go to war and they arrived in time to intercede and pacify matters. M. and B. held a grand council, they were in full uniform brass buttons and swords, cocked hats sashes etc Morris borrowed his this was for effect, after the affair was over B. says to M. "Well Major the Indians must think we are high hyastyees" there upon Dr. Farrabee put in "Yes high asses". The expedition was a sort of Tilliputian affair. They had 10 sailors and a Gatling gun. It was by no means a fruitless trip. It is right that those Hudson Bay people should be prevented from smuggling in British goods while our own traders have to pay heavy duties on the same. And again those wild Chilcats will not be so anxious to harm those miners who crossed their country this season. The officers were better pleased with the Hoonas than any of the other tribes. They are cleaner and the women appear to be less debauched. About the 14th of July the schooner Gen. Miller from San F. arrived in the Sound. She was sent out by a firm in that city to fish for halibut. The Captain and nearly all of the crew were old hands at that business on the east coast. Before coming here they tried Queen Charlotte Sound. The dog fish ate their bait. They could catch but few halibut. Mr. Whitefor became their guide here, the result is that they left here last Monday for San F. with between 80 and 100 tons of salted halibut sides. The head and spine are taken from each fish leaving the whole side in sort of a v shaped piece. They hired two Indians to help them and were well pleased with them. The fish are worth about \$100 per ton in the salt state in San F. This I feel sure is the beginning of a new and important industry in this part of Alaska. This is the sort of work that a missionary could encourage these natives to undertake with advantage. This leads me to reit-



erate my ideas about introducing christian faith and life among these savages. While both the church and the state hold to individual rights and responsibilities yet the family is regarded as the unit in each community. This unit as we understand it does not exist here. How they live in large houses, have but one fire and you know well when Sitka Jack returned from the north a few months ago he had 48 souls in his canoe. When Mr. Lyons accompanied Mr. Young around Prince of Wales Island a chief told them that it was not possible to keep their girls pure on account of being overcrowded. If they are to be separated into families of one man and wife and children they must be assisted by the missionary society or by the Government. A saw mill will aid them most. They should ever be made to render an equivalent for all that they receive as the country is full of resources and they are strong and willing to work. They are ready for such an undertaking. This division into families will secure better order in their daily affairs. They will be more inclined to eat at regular hours and have their children ready for school. It would go far toward breaking up the worst evil of all, witchcraft. While this work is going on of course they should be preached to and taught the glad tidings as much as possible and the children should attend school steadily. The minister should in fact have a sort of imperial authority to organize them and put them to work. Unless the Board goes to work under some such system I believe that comparatively little will be accomplished. It would be unless under present circumstances to open a Home in this place for young girls. It would only make them more accomplished for a shameful life. There is no way in which to save these tribes unless they are organized into close communities and are governed by a just and righteous will. Teach them and help them to live as christians should live here upon the earth and prepare them by sound gospel instruction to become citizens of a better country.

Sept. 12th. The California came yesterday afternoon and brought yours of the 16th ult. I shall see Maj. Morris and ask him to make such a recommendation and forward a copy of it to you. I shall do all that I can to help Mr. Lyons put the matter in shape. I sincerely wish that the Board would turn over Alaska to you. I would then feel sure that something would have a trial at least. My notion is that a portable saw mill would be the best. It could be taken to the belt of timber in a valley easier than the timber can be taken to it. There is an abundance of water power however to run any mill but not right near the site that we selected. A few weeks ago the wheel to the old mill here in town collapsed and 10 days after the new one was erected the dam was washed out. Mr. Young and Mr. Muir arrived late Friday from a canoe trip from Ft. W. to Takou Inlet and Cross Sound. Mr. Y. remains here to take the Favorite for Chilcat. I have not had



much conversation with him yet. I can hardly see the advantage of a hasty trip to those people just now. Mrs. Dickinson is teaching there. I am not sure that he will join us in recommending the Board to turn Alaska over to your care. Mr. Lyons told me of the spirit of Dr. Lindsley's to Mr. Young in reference to you. I don't see how he can say the Lord's Prayer or read the sermon on the mount. Christ's doctrine ought to cure such a hateful spirit.

I shall not have time to write you any more this mail about the Shager. I have many business matters to settle in the store and several letters to answer. Mr. Picken left here Aug. 13th on the Ocean Spray for San F. to buy goods and Mr. Whitford on the 31st ult upon the Gen. Miller for San F. Everything is in my charge and I have all that I want to do. They may purchase a schooner to start in the halibut business. We bought 3 dorys or fishing boats and all their gear. They may be there two months more. A letter in care of Jas. A. Roberts will reach Mr. Picken if you should have occasion to write. All of Mr. A's furniture arrived in good order from the east. They have Mrs. Dr. Lewis, Let Symond's wife and two children boarding with them. Mrs. Haines wrote to me by last mail but I could not answer then. I shall answer her briefly and refer her to you for my ideas as express above.

Before closing I may say that your letter gives me some encouragement that the right thing will yet be done.

I think Mr. Lyons a fine fellow and will steadily work into the service in a strong way. Both he and his wife are delicate.

Irwin, Col.

Sept. 6, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Merritt came up and organized our church last week, the 30th. Dr. Sloan and Mr. Copley were chosen elders and are both good men for the place. A most excellent board of trustees were also elected. The trustees will hold their first regular meeting tonight to talk over the project for building a church. We must leave our tent soon as the weather grows colder. The night service is uncomfortable already. One member was added on profession at the organization and I have hopes of at least one other addition soon. We have begun regular weekly collections; yesterday the box (we have it hung in the tent door) yielded \$5.85, and the average is nearly \$4, which I think does pretty well for a poor congregation.

Then we receive small sums, from \$4. to \$10. every week for the church building fund. We want to save as much from these collections as possible to put with our contribution to the Board. No other denomination has begun operations here



yet and the prospect is that I shall have the field to myself all winter unless the Methodists send in a man. I have great hopes of the winter campaign when the people will be "snowed in".

In regard to Presbytery I should very like to know before hand if any arrangements are to be made with any of the hotels and boarding houses for special rates to those attending Pres. I wish to have Mrs. Shepherd meet me in D. and hence should like to engage accommodations in advance. If no quiet private boarding house is to be had I hope the Wentworth will extend such courtesies to us. Another thing will the South Park road grant us half fare? Much the better route from here to . is via Buena Vista and that road. The stage fare to Buena V. is only \$5 while to South A. it is \$16. The gold discoveries are causing much excitement here, but have not proved to be of any great importance yet. Now ever so many of our members were drawn off to the field that Bro. Merritt and I thought it prudent to defer organization at Gunnison till my return from Pres.

I was sorry to learn through Miss Daisy's note that you were there still down with fever. Hope you are better now.

Very fraternally,  
Chas. M. Shepherd.

23 Centre st, New York.  
Sept. 6, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

What on earth are you off down in New Mexico for? Your letter from Trinidad received this A. M.

We sent Taylor \$500 today. I don't like it and I don't like men to plunge into things so, get committed and then call on us for funds. See how Dr. Palmer came out with his team. I expect it will be just as bad with Taylor.

Dr. Lowrie is very much disturbed about the Uintah Agency matter, says they have been acting with Critchelew months before you took hold of it. By the way the contracts have not come back to me from Washington. I write to Dr. Caldwell and offer him and his wife \$1300. He may choose which he will Chilcat or Hydahs. Miss Ayers writes that she cannot go back to Uintah after all. As to Mr. Robe, wife and daughter I want you to confer with Dr. Thomas. I do not care where he goes to the Pueblos or the Navajoes. But I will not give my consent that they shall be landed in a pig pen or something worse and why should we open the Pueblo school till the buildings are ready? Though if Dr. T. can hire suitable buildings to begin in, buildings in which a suitable number can be gathered to draw something worth while from the Government.



So at the Navajoes. Why not get things ready or wait til the Government gets them ready before we send in our men who will have nothing to do until things are ready.

There is a returned For. Missionary from Bogata who understands Spanish and the Roman Catholic question and whose wife is smarter than he. He has been recommended to us for work in New Mexico. Is there any place where we can make such a man available and useful in N. M. ? If Morton were not going I, should know what to do. Hill wants him for the Indians but if there is a place for him among the Mexicans it is economy to put him there.

T. M. Boyd returns to Eastern Wash. Ter and Oregon and without his wife!

Dr. Reid's son of Victoria, B. C. comes from England to work in Puget Sound Presbytery. That makes an addition of 8 to that Synod this year. We have appointed Dr. McFarlane of Phil. for Boise City. Austin I suppose is on the way to Miles City. Reid of Boulder is still at Clifton Springs. He finds college friend there a fine fellow named Bates that wants to go to Col. I tell him I do not know of any place unless it be Idaho Springs. You will tell me all about Santa Fe and the Perkins. All the people here who saw Mrs. Perkins speak of her in the highest terms. I have given Dr. Thomas and Sticeby a hint of Prof. Boyd, no I gave him letters of introductions to them. He will go down there bye and bye.

You must tell me particularly about the Pueblo A. the Navajoes school. Mr. Sobe and his wife and daughter will go on a months notice. If Dr. Thomas wants them why would not the Perkins go to Navajoes; if not, where? Can you figure it any better than that?

I suppose Miss Ross has gone to Messilla. Mrs. Fulton wants to start a school at Socorro, has written to Mrs. Graham would have done much better to have written to Mrs. Haines

Arrange about Pereaif you are well enough and everything else.

God take care of you and Daisy and bring you safely back.

Yours truly,  
N. Hensall.

Northfield,  
Sept. 6, 1880

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I thank God at receipt of another note from you and have sent it to Dr. Kendall for an answer to you about the Synods. The New Jersey meetings are changed to Oct. 6th & 7th therefore I now expect to go to Detroit for the 13th &



14th Oct. taking Harrisburg and perhaps Phil. on the way. I do not see that there is anything more for me to do then to come home direct. I have written to Dr. Little at Omaha about the teachers not supposing you could get them. Our teacher Miss Carey went to Chicago and was persuaded off to Pusia. I have telegraphed to Miss Nellie Bartlett to take her place if possible, pro tem.

It is too bad about the R. M. Pres. the For. Board may not understand it. I hope you will explain in October number. And then to make room for this "other matter" I had sent in was left out.

Dr. Roberts I have not seen yet. He was just coming home the day I left. I do to do so next weel Monday,

Do take care of yourself.

F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y.

Oronoco, Minn.

Sept. 6, 1880

Dear Brother:

You will be surprised to hear from me here. I am supplying this place and any other west till I learn where I shall at length light. I found that my money was <sup>get</sup> ting short and that I could not protract my visit till after the Pan Presbyterian, so started out in haste.

Now I do want to hear from you as to when the Colorado Presbytery meets, also as to what disposition is to be made of Ouray which Brother Janeway has left. After Presbytery I might not object to going there, nothing else being in the way.

Please write to me here with request to forward.

Yours in Christ,  
W. C. Beebe.

Mesilla, New Mexico.

Sept. 9, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Here I am safe and sound, eat, bedstead etc. Only I left my large trunk at Socorro to be sent down on a freight wagon. Expect to commence school next Monday as the school room will be ready and some are anxious to have school begin.

Will write more fully in a week or two.

Yours truly,  
Anna M. Ross.



Conejos, Col.  
Sept. 9, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

We are here on our field at last. We wanted to leave Pitts on Aug. 24th but could not. We did leave on Sept. 1st and got to Pueblo, Saturday 11 P. M. Sept. 4th On Sab. I assisted Bro. Gage at communion and preached in the evening I found however that the R. R. order I had returned to you to be extended in time and sent to Bro. Gage had not been received. I wrote to Mr. Minnus Saturday night and got a telegram Monday. P. M. he could not grant a duplicate and the other had not been returned. I telegraphed Mrs. Jackson Monday evening to please return the order to the R. R. to Mr. Minnus to telegraph the order but we got no answer and left Wednesday A. M. at 1.30 and got here at 1 P. M. The Vandalia line between Indianapolis and St. Louis would grant us no reduced rates as we had none on this road. It cost us in all much more than we had expected over \$102 for R. R. fare only. As to freight unless Mr. Means of Pitts can get special rates that will cost us \$ 5. 23 per cwt., we had 1350 lbs but on learning the rates as above we repacked and cut it down to 730 lbs for the present. When we need more we will send for it. I left most of my books. I left money enough to pay in advance at \$5.23 per cwt. The result of it all is I will be short I am afraid for the first three months. If you could possibly do anything for us in advancing a quarter or part of quarter please do so.

The people receive us kindly and we are picking up their language as well as we could expect. As to the field and work I come to you at once for direction. Is Miss Conaway to be recommissioned here? She seems to be a good worker and she certainly has go ahead enough. I hope we will know soon as to this. Miss Smith is talking of leaving San Rafael. have you anyone to suggest for that field or had I better look out for a teacher for it? Miss C. seems to think male teachers are preferable, what do you think? Please give us suggestions or directions as you think best. As to our living you have said nothing positively. I have never even learned definitely that I am commissioned. I am here I am ready to go to work. Please inform me on all points as is necessary under such circumstances. I am here to do good, I am no controversialist will aim simply to reach the people with pure gospel. Pray for us. I hope to meet you in Presbytery in

Yours in bonds of the gospel.

W. W. Morton.

P. S. I hope to visit Miss Smith next week.



Colorado Springs, Col.

Sept. 11, 1880

Yours of yesterday received. I stated in full to Bro. Kerr the result of my visit to Central City. They seem to me to lack courage to trust the Lord and go forward. As things were I did not feel like pushing. I think something might be done, if done soon, and soon it must be.

It would be very pleasant to be present at the Presbytery and Synod, but I must return to Valley Falls the last week in Sept. I hoped to see you before my return but probably will not now.

Levi B. Wilson.

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Sept. 12, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Friend and Brother:

Your letter concerning Navajo school at hand. I sit down very hastily after church this Sabbath evening, to reply, feeling that an early reply is necessary.

Mr Perkins and myself are willing to be removed if that seems best to you, the Board and to Dr. Thomas; but what about Willie? His tender years and prospective future will hardly admit of our isolating him from all society. We could not teach him for lack of time, and we could not afford now to send him East, although we would have left him there had we known of the desired change.

Our school here opens on Monday morning. We had made our calls before we received your letter. We are at your service however, so far as we can comply and not wrong Willie or ourselves. If the school here is already promised, it is clear we are not wanted, as we knew nothing of it until we received your letter. We made purchases of many things while East, that we would not have made had we known of the change to be made, and since we spoke of being commissioned to a less important field, we are surprised to know that we were allowed to return, and expend much for the benefit of this school when we are expected to leave it so soon. These things must be left for you and the Board to settle; I cannot see my way clear. Mr Perkins would esteem it a favor to aid in the completion of the building spoken of, and I would rejoice in the privilege of teaching the Navajos, did that seem the best thing to do. My heart is in the work, and my hands are willing. Mr Perkins and Willie are also ready, but the thought comes to us continually, -Why cannot the Illinois man go among the Navajos, and we work among the people whose acquaintance we have been cultivating, hoping, trusting, praying that God would grant us the privilege of one day teaching them not only the things that better their condition in this life,



but the Word and Will of God as touching the salvation of their souls.

The following questions we would like to have answered-

1st--The salary of Mr Perkins and myself?

2nd-Who has charge of the buildings-would they be willing to have their work pushed by Mr Perkins?

3rd How about the supplies for our family?

4th Would I be allowed to take "Lottie?"

5th- How about transportations?

6th- Is it safe to visit among them as I visit among the Mexican people?

7th- How soon would you want us to go?

A school on the American side at El Paso would not be advisable unless we owned a ferry. The Mexican people would not like paying fare every day.

How glad I would be to say to you, yes, I'll go or we will go to the Shoshones, the Navajos or anywhere you say, for this is the real feeling of Mr Perkins and myself. But we dare not ignore the responsibility concerning Willie.

We reached home Friday evening. Are now ready for school I wish I had the ability to manage the school here for you. Mr Perkins thinks the way may yet open for us here, since we are settled. We will send Willie east next year if God spares our lives, and you wish us to work at your out most post and rejoice at the privilege. May the Lord direct us in all and to Him be the gratitude of our lives and hearts.

Mr. Perkins will write you soon. We are much refreshed in body and mind.

Yours sincerely,  
C. J. Perkins.

Pima, Ind. Agency, Arizona.  
Sept. 9, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Brother:

You will pardon me but may I ask is our church (Presbyterian) going to take charge of the schools on the reservation in the future and especially the boarding school here at the agency.

I am boarding with Rev. C. H. Cook (Methodist missionary) I am an absent member of Brother Myer's church at Phoenix A. T. . T'is 40 miles distant and I cannot attend. We are having no regular service here at the Agency, as Bro. Cook is most too tired to preach to us after preaching to the Indians.

You will please send me your paper the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian and I'll remit soo as I have no change today. I've been receiving a copy since here from a friend at Sweet Water. I should be greatly pleased to hear from you or see



you (D. V. ) should you come this way in your travels. Hoping that I have not imposed on your good time, I subscribe myself

Your brother in the Word,

R. T. Ernst, M. D.

Physician to the Pima & Maricopa Indians.

P. S. Pray for us.

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Sitka, Alaska.

Sept. 13, 1880

Dr. Jackson:

I have been so rushed this mail that I have not had time to write any since my return from the north.

We are encouraged by your letter and shall do all we can by next mail in regard to the Government building. Am sorry could not write more this time. I shall certainly favor your having the direction of the work in Alaska and full authority to transact the business in Washington.

G. W. Lyons.

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Conejos, Col.

Sept. 13, 1880

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Rev. and Dear Sir:

Yours of the 10th inst was brought to me Saturday evening by the Rev. W. W. Norton. I am willing to go to Corralles and can be ready almost any time. I presume I cannot take any furniture or mattresses. I shall write to Mrs. P. for information, but presume I can obtain necessaries in Albuquerque. I was much perplexed on Friday or Saturday about what to do and where to go, for I have now only three pupils, the large boys have to be in the harvest field. The weather is quite cool uncomfortably cool to me, with a cold damp school room and a kitchen with no window, a great hole admits light and air. Having laid the case before my heavenly Father that morning and asked him to show me what to do and where to go, your kind letter came in the evening, is it presumption to consider it the light I sought? I think Miss Conassy will be glad to come here. There is a larger field more influential and wealthy people who will send their daughters to the Convent in Conejos if there is not a school here. She can make people work and give, I cannot. I hope it is not improper to mention that she has not received her salary, soon two quarters will be due.

I am very reluctant to receive any thing from the Board. Think I can live on my own money, it has not been poverty, but inability to obtain what I need for health and comfort



that has impaired my health. In the small plaza one can get nothing, often literally nothing and it is inconvenient to get supplies from other places. As to furnishing a school room where there is a probability of permanency I am willing to receive aid.

Rev. Parley organized a church yesterday week at the ranch of Juan B. Chacon, it is composed of members of the church at Cinecero who live there or near there are four men two of whom are elders, a third deacon the other man was absent. The three families will each send three scholars to this school in the winter and a good man from la Jara will probably move here during the winter to allow his children and grand children to attend school. Mr. Morton and family arrived last Wednesday morning. I saw them a few minutes Saturday evening.

With kind wishes, I am

Respectfully,

Elizabeth B. Smith.

Pueblo of Laguna, N. M.

Sept. 13, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I received a half fare pass to come home and I thank you very much for your kindness. I had a very pleasant visit and good rest and am able to undertake a good year's work, though I have not been able to have things just as I wanted them in regard to the school. I think my prospect for the new year is better than it was last. Our school opened last week Sept 6th with 24 scholars at the town hope to have all things ready to open school in the country by the 20th. Will you please to ask some of the ladies to send me a small globe, one that has been used before will answer and if anyone has a second hand set of maps they will be very acceptable in our school.

All well as usual here. We were disappointed that you did not come to see us. Uncle and Aunt would have gone to P. Meeting had I got home in time but on account of the wash out on the road could not come sooner.

I will write you again when I get started in my school out in the country. Pray for me, that God may bless my effort this year.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mary L. Perry.

Lodi, Wis.

Sept. 16, 1880



Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have just returned from Milwaukee when I went to attend a meeting of the Com. of Arrangements to prepare a programme for Synod. The brethren there are very desirous that you should be with us in our Home Missionary meeting on Saturday afternoon when the report is to be presented and at the public meeting in the evening, when the members of our city churches as well as the members of the Synod will be present. We want to make a special effort at this meeting of Synod to enlist a new interest in H. M. and to arouse the brethren and the churches to rally as never before to this work. Dr. Kendall writes me he cannot be with us. Now we are very urgent you should be present to render the help we so much need. Come if possible. We meet on the 14th of October and continue over the Sabbath. The ladies also hold their Synodical meeting on Friday in view of the position they have taken in regard to declining to organize a H. M. Soc. good may be accomplished by your meeting with them. They avow themselves warmly in favor of the H. M. but do not think it advisable just yet to organize an additional Soc. Please do not disappoint us. Let me know by return mail whether you may be expected.

Fraternally,  
B. C. Hiley.  
S. C.

Pueblo, Col.  
Sept. 16, 1880

Dr. S. Jackson,  
Dear Bro:

There is an opportunity here in Pueblo for a good kindergarten school if we could get a good teacher. Of course I should like to see a Presbyterian lady secured. Have you one you could recommend or put in correspondence with me?

We are all well and church matters prospering. Have just let a contract for a church parsonage to cost complete \$1800. This is the work of the church members. I have done no soliciting but operate behind the scenery. We chose two elders, Hisay and McClung last night and four deacons.

With love to the family and kind regards from Mrs. Gage,  
I am

Yours,  
H. B. Gage.

Pueblo, Col.  
Sept. 16, 1880



Dear Bro. Jackson:

The Methodists and Baptists and Presbyterians have all alike deserted Bent County. There is no minister of any denomination now at Grenada, W. Las Animas, La Junta, on up to Pueblo. I assisted in July, in dedicating a Union Chapel at a station 30 miles east of Pueblo, by name "Napesta". Word has come to me from W. Las Animas and Napesta that they have no services of any minister, and asking if the Presbyterian church cannot send them a minister. They have come to the conclusion that the churches think there are no souls to be saved along the Santa Fe R.R. They have sent word that they will raise several hundred dollars at W.L. Animas. Cannot we send a good man into that Bent Co. ?

Bro. Herritt did not do anything towards permanently building up the church, but a good man like Taylor or Finks would soon have a good permanent work done.

I have been asked to officiate at a wedding at Las Animas on the 27th of the month after this. Could go down before if there was anything special to look after. I am anxious to see a minister in every county. There is material in every county for a Pres. church if we can get good working men. But we will have to rotate out such men as Teitsworth, Merritt and Smith, and fill their vacancies with men who can win and hold the respect of the communities among whom they live. Please give Bent County your earliest attention and your best possible support.

Your Brother,  
H.B. Gage.

Fernando de Taos, N.M.  
Sep. 18th, 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Dear Bro.

We reached home after four days and found James all safe but have all been nevertheless ill since. Three or four of the children are down now but are convalescing. I can say now more definitely as to what I want in respect to seats. A seat with desk the best made by a carpenter here will cost by his own calculation, not less than \$3.50 to \$4.00. But if the desks I spoke to you of can be had for even \$6.00. I think it greatly to our advantage to get them for all three of these buildings.

I have sent for a catalogue and when I receive it I will write you again and give an estimate of the size and number of seats I want. I told you I wanted three desks without seats but I do not want desks with seats.

I hope you are well.

Yours truly,  
James M. Roberts.



Socorro, N. M.  
Sept. 18, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Mr. Fulton is quite sick and requests me to write you a few lines.

He went to Albuquerque last week to make personal application for lots in the new town, for our church. His application was received and sent to Santa Fe. He and Dr. Kaly selected the lots. Since his return he has received word that three choice lots have been granted and deed ordered to be made out. The day after he got home he was taken down with erysipelas. He is getting better now, and hopes to be able to write to you soon. He regretted so much not being able to attend Presbytery, but the washouts and the uncertain travel prevented. The train did not leave at all, the day he intended going.

I still am desirous to get the commission for a school. I made application to Mrs. Graham but found there was a mistake and have written on to Dr. Kendall. I found Mrs. Harwood here on the ground expecting to open school. I persuaded her to join in with me as my assistant, thus securing one good school instead of two in opposition. She is well acquainted with Spanish and you will understand this will be a great advantage.

I am glad to say that my health is much better and we hope that when Mr. Fulton gets over this sick spell he will be stronger than ever. He will write you in regard to the church here, soon as he is able.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. L. D. Fulton.

23 Centre st, New York.  
Sept. 18, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours from Santa Fe of the 8th and en-route to Denver the 10th are before me- as to the first- 1st The property at Santa Fe- Mrs Graham is on a missionary tour up in the states, will be back in a few days and I will see her.

2nd. Commission applied for, shall be duly attended to.

Miss Worth has gone to Utah so she is beyond reach.

3. As to your letter "en route"- I think if we can get Mr and Mrs Perkins for the Navajos it is just what we want if Dr. Thomas approves. Her sister has only one chance in three to live six months as I have told you.

4. The contracts have been signed and returned on the Navajos Moquis, the West Shoshones, and the Pueblo school.

I would rather Mr Robe would go to the Pueblo school, but he and his wife and daughter want to teach. I think; he is more likely to go to the Uintah Valley- of all the complications



yet, this is the queerest (1st) you know about Mr. Critchlow and the Foreign Board. Dr. Lowrie is much disturbed about your action and I fear will report to their Board in a damaging way to you. I have asked him two or three times what he is going to report. But he will tell me nothing except that he will report according to the facts. But from the way he talks, I have not much doubt but he will put you at a disadvantage before the Board. But to return I told you Miss Ager the sister of Mrs. Critchlow had agreed to go back, then she wrote me that she could not, then hearing that her niece had been dangerously sick and probably dead she wrote she would go. Then I wrote her hastily endorsing the movement and telling her what I wanted to know from Mr. C. if he met her at Salt Lake City; and this A. M. I have a telegram from her saying, "The Nobes, best selection, I will not go, write" I do not know nor does she know whether things buildings etc are ready to begin if the Nobes are there. I will write her again today and so work the matter along as fast as possible.

For the Shoshones we have nobody. If the Perkins go to Navajoes they are provided for, and Dr. Thomas wants his superintendent of Pueblo school. Does he want a minister? Whom have you in mind? Fulton wants his wife to open a school at Socorro at \$500 and says you offered that to her, where at Mrs. Graham is much disturbed and wants to know what business you have in making such promises. He also wants to start a school edifice at new town Albuquerque and I recommend it so far as I understand it. That is our only chance there. There were 14 of those teachers at Omaha last Sunday!

I send you some more leaflets, Mrs. Graham's this time, also one from Mrs. Haines, feeling after a missionary lady to distribute in each church.

I hope you will take a good rest at G. and have time to write me fully about the Presbytery etc.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

White Rocks Utah.  
Hintah Valley Agency.  
Sept. 22, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Bro:

I wrote you sometime since, asking for a copy of the contract entered into between the Dept. and the Pres. Board of Missions to which letter I have been anxiously waiting a reply. It is necessary that I should know definitely just what the Government purposes to furnish us, so that I can submit my estimates for school furniture, additional supplies, in time to have them purchased and shipped at an early date



er our plans for the winter will be materially interfered with by storms which will render their transportation from Salt Lake City to this Agency impossible. Please write me immediately giving me full information regarding this matter. Will the Board furnish all necessary employes for the proper conduct of the school, to wit, teacher, matron, and cook? Do they board themselves or does the Government furnish them subsistence? How soon can these employes be on the ground ready for work? The buildings we hope to have ready for occupancy by the first of November and even if they are not, teachers should endeavor to be here by that time as there is no knowing how soon snows may come and block the road. Does the Government contract to furnish the transportation? Any items of information which you can furnish will be of value to me in making my arrangements and I trust you will reply to my inquiries without unnecessary delay. Am anxious to see the work progress and our school in running order.

Respectfully your brother,  
T. F. Britchlow.

New York, N. Y.  
April 23, 1880

My dear brother:

Our Executive Com. did not meet until a few days ago, when the members were back from a summer vacation.

I read your favor of Aug. 16th, when the following was adopted:

Resolved that the Department be notified that the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church are ready to take the supervision of the schools in the Arizona agencies either to assigned to this Board, and that this Board heartily advises that these schools be placed in their hands, as being a body in the most intimate relations with the Reformed Church.

I have sent a copy of this to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Yours sincerely,  
John M. Ferris.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Lodge, N. Y.  
Sept. 24th, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

Desiring to return east within a few weeks, I write to ask a favor of you. Can you secure a reduction in the R. R.



fare for me? Have been supplying the church of Deer Lodge for over a year and leave for for financial considerations. Following the advice and desires of others I came out here before receiving my commission from the board. Neither the Board nor the people here have paid me as much as I was led to expect before coming. Having paid my own travelling expenses out, I am now compelled to economize as much as possible and find some place where I can either live cheaper or get more money. I desire if possible to go by way of Denver, Col. If you can render me any assistance in the way requested I will consider it a great favor. I desire to start within three weeks if possible.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience

Yours fraternally,  
J. L. Henning.

Socorro, N. M.  
Sept. 25, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear brother:

I am just up from a severe fever and attack of erysipelas. I was taken down the day after I returned last time from Albuquerque.

I have secured three choice lots in the new town for church and parsonage: and I have a very encouraging letter from Dr. Kendall saying he and Dr. Wilson had had a conference about Albuquerque and would decide soon how much help they could give us toward the church. I have had an architect draw a plan and figure on cost of building, and if I get the help I have asked for, and which Dr. Kendall says is "a wise proposal" we will have a nice church there in 60 days. And the first Protestant church building in either new or old town of Albuquerque! Now I may have to appeal to some one or two eastern churches for part of the cost of the church, please think of some churches that will be likely to respond. I will write up the work for any S. S. or church that will aid us.

Your brief note about applying to Mrs. Graham came safely yesterday, much obliged for any suggestions about any part of our work, but Mrs. Graham has assumed the support of the school here. She was just starting for a tour among the New York societies and said she would make additional appeal because of the new enterprise at Socorro. Said she had been looking to Socorro for years and was glad of an opening.

The school begun on the 20th and is a decided success already and there is promise of quite an additional number next week. God aiding us we will make the work tell in this field.

Remember us frequently in your prayers. Our whole dependence is upon God.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Samuel D. Fulton.



Milwaukee, Wis.

Sept. 27, 1880

Dear Brother:

We are to have sermons on missions in both churches Sunday morning. Bro. Ross of Fondulac who was appointed to preach in my church has failed on account of health. Will you take his place and give us a good strong presentation of P. M. at that time? Of course we expect us to speak Saturday evening and occupy the whole time of that meeting, but that may properly be more of a stump speech; But Sunday morning we want something more thoughtful. Will you undertake both parts?

G. P. Nichols.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.

Sept. 28, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear sir:

I am not writing one bit of this letter for print, but shall send only a chatty gossip one that I have had on my mind to send for two months. I sent you a postal saying that Mr. Young was in Chilcat, but I was much surprised to receive a letter by return steamer from Sitka, but I presume you have heard from him and will in due time get a full account of his trip. I have just been writing to him concerning putting in a petition to the Board that Alaska be placed under your jurisdiction, you must know of course that we all very much desire it, but as there are clergymen in the field, it is not the proper thing for the ladies to take hold of it, and as Mr. Lyons wrote recently to Mr. V. he wished it, but as Mr. V. had been here, longest, best informed most experience it was his place to frame the petition and the others would sign it. Our single objection of course is the apparent disloyalty to Dr. Lindsley. I am convinced that we should not in any way, by any personal feeling retard the prosperity of our mission, although there has been a gulf opened which does not contract by time; yet you can see what an unpleasant situation we would be in. If ever we needed a rest or vacation we expected to take a trip to P. yet (we were urged to go this fall) we thought there would not be much pleasure in it on account of the disagreeable interviews that were inevitable. As Dr. L. has by letter accused my husband of lack of fidelity. But as "of are said" I have written to him at "Mrs McFarland's request" That is the only loop hole we will have when the vials of wrath descend upon our poor heads, from Portland. Mrs. McF. enjoys her new home very much, and indeed it is very pleasant in all its appointments. We had a call from Capt. Beardsley by the last boat, he is relieved for a trip to Washington, will not return if, at all, before spring. He looked about Mrs. McF's and Miss D's rooms. He had to call











on me at the P. O. and remarked that the missionaries in Sitka were jealous of us, because we had so much done for us. "Why they live like paupers in Sitka" he said, and he was going to see if he could not do something for them in Washington. We of course would be very glad to have them get all they can. But it is their own fault if they live like paupers as they missionaries and teachers have the same salaries as we do. I think Mr. Lyons a man of too much good sense and christian benevolence to be jealous of the prosperity of any mission. We miss the friends very much and are many times inconvenienced by the separation. I miss the girls help and the sewing machine. We have however most comfortable quarters now, we moved into the Vanderbilt house as soon as they left it, with no advance on the rent. We have had an elegant garden this summer it is conceded by all the other gardeners to surpass theirs though smaller. We would like to buy this place if it were not so far from the others. We have adopted a little Indian girl which of course requires a little more economy. I do not wish to make a servant of her but watch over her as carefully as if she was my own. I want to see what can be made of Leo. I think she is about or nearly nine. She was often at the house before we took her, we just couldn't help it, and have never regretted it, she is very bright, affectionate and obedient. I think she loves my little baby, and is very helpful with her.

Nearly every mail I hear from some relative or friend who has subscribed for the S. M. P. so as to hear more about our work here. We are having a great deal of trouble now with Hoochenoo among our Indians. And for the first time since Dennis put it down the Indians are working it in the ranch, of course some of the church Indians have fallen with the others and our Collector does nothing; he is in a measure greatly to blame for it. The Indians call him a coward, he insists he can do nothing, without some power to back him.

He goes to Sitka by this boat and intends asking the Captain for a small detachment and then he can do something.

After the war with the Hoochinos he put a stop to all Indian policemen so there has been nothing done.

The Indians say they would do all the work, and put it down themselves, if the Colonel would only go once in a while with them, as Denis used to. White men are making and selling to the Indians all they want. The Col. is well aware that they are breaking the law, but he does not concern himself about it.

Mr Young wrote me he thought he should be able to get some help. It is a great detriment to our work here every time Mr. Young goes off on these trips. One of the merchants who used to scoff at missionaries, said to Mr. Y. "don't go to Chilcat Mr. Y. the Indians do not behave near as well when you are away, we can see the difference in the store." We feel very grateful that you do all you can to hasten the miss



ionaries. I think if Dr. Kendall had to study up a sermon (especially if it was not his profession) put it into Chinook with a crying, teething baby longing on to his coat skirt he would not defer any more appointments but hurry up the missionaries and let each one stay in his own field. We divided the services, Miss D. took charge of the prayer meeting, Mrs. McF. preached in the morning with an interpreter and I in the afternoon in Chinook on the Sabbath. And I had besides the ranch work on my hands, I have had much trouble with the whiskey and one case of witchcraft business (which threatened to be quite serious) to put down. But I did not forget the promises and find not only a strong heart but a strong body for the work. We have very much delighted about two weeks since to have Dr. Corlies and family return, he relieve us from all church services and much other work. I am afraid I have libelled my baby above, for she is a very good little thing if she were not I could not attempt outside work.

kindest regards to yourself, Mrs. Jackson, and your daughters.

Sincerely yours,  
Fannie K. Young.

Oct. 11th Steamer came in and no missionary yet for Chilcat. We shall be very anxious till one comes. It will be shabby if we have to loose that field after all the self denial and toil. It is harder for these left behind then for the travelers. I am just heart sick for a sight of the dear face. The priest goes below on this boat on business. If all has been well Mr. Young will now be here in two days.

Port Townsend, W. T.  
Sept. 30, 1880

My dear sir:

Your letter of Aug. 19th followed me to Sitka from which place I have just returned tired and hoping for a little recreation, but the piles of papers on my desk show me there is no place.

I enclose you a couple of criticisms on your book and am glad you have been more tenderly dealt with by the Eastern Press and that your volume has brought such substantial aid to your missionary fund. I note what you say about your missions and will endeavor to present them in as favorable a light as possible.

I do not desire to go to Washington this winter. I hope for no legislation at the short session and from this Congress. I want one more cruise in a Rev. cutter in Alaska, next summer and then I want six months at the National Capital session 1881 and 1882. The fur will fly then and if we all act in concert there will be some fine and effective work done.

I am feeling quite sanguine at the prospect of affairs,



we cannot force the fighting, we are not strong enough we can constantly keep on the aggressive and harass the enemy by throwing shot and shell into his camp continually and keeping him awake day and night until by force of sheer exhaustion he will be willing to conclude already of peace and come to reasonable terms.

Yours very truly,  
Wm. Gouverneur Morris.

Oronoco, Minn.  
Oct. 2, 1880

Dear Bro:

I sincerely regret having to write this letter that I do to you today.

It seems through the mysterious providence of God, which I cannot always understand that I must ask you not for the present to seek me a place in Colorado. I say for the present because it is my ultimate intention to make my home in the mountains that I loved so well and that gave me such health.

I resort to my coming here both for good. I hope and as are expedient for a future home by the way in Colorado; and as I now make this confession and request of you I beg of you to remember we should I in the near future ask again to come under your care and do not be grieved at me. Bro. you must pitch on Bro. Lyons if any one and I knew you will not pitch on so good an old friend and saint. I shall never forget the kindness of you and your good wife and family. Give them my heartiest regards also all the same to you. I like no place as Colorado but if you knew, I had time to tell you and you to hear it would be all right.

Yours warmly,  
W. C. Beebe.

P. S. I mean to be back in Colorado next year if possible. My affairs of a personal nature as regards finances of home and other matters make it wise for a year to stay as near home as possible.

W. C. Beebe.

Boston, Mass.  
Oct. 2, 1880

Dear Bro:

Your favors of the 25th and 27th are at hand. I delayed writing to you to make sure that Synod would not meet in N.E. this autumn. I find by your postal card you are apprised of the fact. I am sorry you cannot come to Boston soon. You know our denominational isolation here. A visit from you would do a deal of good. The Congregational benevolent boards



and societies absorb everything here. In fact the Presbyterian churches outside of three or four are Cong. in all but name. If we could only feel the grasp of the denomination upon us here Presbyterians might have some back bone in it. But even you know it and why should I repeat it. I shall anxiously look for some word from you anticipating an engagement at a later date. Shall arrange for Mrs. Haines.

Your brother in Christ,  
F. E. Haines.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Galesbury, Ill.

Oct. 31, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Your notes both received. Shall send my letter copy for Dec. number. Had thought myself an index quite desirable and was going to write to you about it. I hope nothing will prevent your coming to New York and Washington. Dr. Kendall had a chill, but was expected home last Saturday. Our Com. meets (D. V. ) tomorrow after which I hope to write again. **There** has been a large failure in Tesson in which I fear the friends looking after Mrs. Chandler and Miss Stewart are concerned.

Am glad Mrs. J. is better.

F. E. H. Haines,  
Sec'y.

Quincy, Ill.

Oct. 1, 1880

I will try to arrange a chance for you to speak as you request on Oct. 15th. We shall be glad to see and to hear you.

Yours very truly,  
Newman Smythe.

Kendallville,

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Jesse L. Williams of Ft. Wayne our Pres. pro tem until a regular organization can be effected at the meeting of the Synod. In her absence from home she left arrangements for the meeting in my hands. I shall send your note and if you do not receive a formal invitation from her to attend the meeting will only be because having no Treasury as yet, we have no funds to defray expenses.



If you had expected to be present at the Synod, we should have been delighted. A little help just now in our first start might do much for us.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. M. E. Goodman.

New York, N. Y.  
Oct. 5, 1880

My dear Friend:

I was sorry to learn from Dr. Kendall that you had been at Phila and I had not seen you. I went on for the Ladies meeting, but had to return here Thursday. Had I known you were here I should certainly have tried to have an interview, as there were so many things to consult you about.

I was quite overwhelmed at the thought of Mrs. Perkins leaving Santa Fe and thus causing another break in the school. When she was here we fully discussed all things concerning arrangements for the winter and future plans for the prosperity of the school, and I looked forward to a good work in planting the school on a solid foundation. What Mrs. Perkins could say to such an entire change of ground I do not know. If she left Santa Fe I do not know whom we could send in her place. She told me when east that her husband was a smelter and in the course of a year or two they might wish to go to Mexico where he could carry on his business, but before that time came I thought the school would be on such a basis that some one might easily be found to take it up where Mrs. P. could leave it. Her knowledge of the Spanish is a great thing also for the school. Now would it not be breaking up one good work for another, I cannot but feel so, while I shall interpose no obstacle and leave it open for her decision on consultation with you. The more important work certainly ought to be considered, and which is the more so?

Dr. Kendall spoke to me about Maj. Breedin's proposition that we should divide the property with him if he could secure it. No doubt he sees his way clear to get it and expects a very good bargain. My husband had a very full talk about it with Mr. Perkins who understands it thoroughly and gave very sensible views on it. Mr. G. was a lawyer and says there is not the slightest doubt about the title and that we shall gain in the Supreme Court of the U. S. Maj. B. will be too sharp for you, he knows his way for he has contributed to the present difficulty as Mrs. Perkins will show you. I wish it however, was settled. The very fact that Mr. Hughes had power to lease the ground shows that it was then recognized as belonging to us. As we left it to the Horn Board to act for us, they ought to be informed of any particular and take action. I asked Dr. Kendall to write you about it. I shall be



glad to hear as the result, that it is all settled.

Yours in Christ,  
J. W. Graham.

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Oct. 6, 1880

Dear Bro:

Mr. Perkins and I wrote you yesterday. We did not mention however that we had not written Mrs. Graham. You will see the importance of writing her at once. We will do so too. I do not know how well reconciled the "Board" will feel. We desire to do nothing that will hinder or annoy in any way and sincerely desire that they may have ample time to make satisfactory arrangements for future operation.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Perkins.

Kear Canyon, A. T.

Oct. 7, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 20th ult received by me at this place near Moqui, where I have been for the last two months owing to the recent illness of my brother who I am pleased to state has not entirely recovered, and I expected his return here several days past and am rather disappointed at his delay, as I had promised the principal chief to accompany them on a trip to the Eastern part of the reservation, there to visit the different camps for the purpose of trying to put a stop to their trading for whiskey. Ganado Pueblo, with other principal chiefs have gone, and I trust their efforts will meet with success. I also trust you will do all in your power to have a law passed, which will punish severely without the option of fine all persons caught selling whiskey or other intoxicating liquors to Indians, as it not only reduces the Indians to poverty but incites them to murder for the purpose of obtaining money or stock to procure whiskey.

I read your letter carefully in regard to Navajo children, and as soon as I can possibly leave here will do all in my power to get together some children. Will also see Manuelito and speak to him of what you write.

Am just in receipt of a letter from Capt. Bennett who writes of the arrival of Moqui Agent. Hope to see him here in a few days so that I can fix my business with the agency due now for about a year. I thank you for your very kind wishes in my behalf and assure you should I receive the appointment, I shall do all in my power for the advancement



and civilization of the Navajos, I remain  
 Yours truly,  
 Thomas W. Kean.

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 Mesilla, N. M.  
 Oct. 7, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of Sept. 15th received with letter from Henry  
 Wecker enclosed, received also a package of papers from you.

Our school started well, we have twenty one students,  
 five of the are Mexicans. We started a Sabbath School two  
 weeks ago with twelve scholars. The priest here with a few  
 careless ones have done all they could against us. We have  
 now a wilding of our own and there effort against us may  
 prove as did there effort to prevent us to get a house. I  
 have received encouraging word about a few Presbyterians at  
 Shawsperre some sixty miles from Silver City. I expect some  
 time during the month to visit the field. I am anxious to  
 pick up all christian people and encourage them. This is the  
 hardest field I was ever in and I am sure the Lord will bless  
 the seed we are planting. We want an organ for our school and  
 church, a second hand one would do.

If you select an other teacher give us one that can sing  
 and understands instrumental music.

Yours fraternally,  
 Thomas Thompson.

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 Cenicero, Col.  
 Oct. 8, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

There has been a letter written to you by Miss Conaway  
 which reflects somewhat on my christian character of which I  
 spoke to Miss Cohart and she told me to write to you for the  
 letter and you would send it to me. I wish you would be so  
 kind as to do so by handing it to Bro. Morton. Miss Conaway  
 said she thought she had done wrong in doing what she had  
 done but would not state what it was. I tried very hard to  
 get her to tell me what it was and she said she would not  
 confess it even if she knew she had done wrong. I told her I  
 did not think that was a very christian spirit; then she said  
 she would tell me if I would promise not to put it before the  
 church which I could not do as I did not know how bad a thing  
 she had told about me, then she said she would not tell me.  
 Then I told her I would have to leave it to the decision of  
 her church. She said she would not come before a session on  
 no condition, telling me as she felt she deserved it to have



her expelled from the church a thing which I do not wish to do and told her so, but wherein she has written things to you and others which are not so she must rectify them.

Yours as ever,  
A. Jacobs.

Colorado Springs, Col.  
Oct. 9, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

I sent you yesterday by Dr. Kirkwood a volume of Hawaiian Algae for Princeton. The box I left to be forwarded round Cape Horn; I have not heard anything from it but hope it is sent.

Rev. A.C. Forbes promised to fill it with Lava or rather fill the remaining room, but I wait to hear if he has been able to do it. He has recently removed from Helo to Honolulu filling the important place of Sec. of the Hawaiian Board.

The Islands are having just now a full measure of political trouble owing to strange conduct of the King, but it is a comfort that there are so many praying souls on Hawaii.

This morning I awoke with a burden of thought in regard to our own country. Is the Church praying as is its privilege in regard to our approaching elections? That men may be chosen who are "able men such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness". Exodus 18:21st.

Will you most exert an influence to arouse to earnest prayer on this subject those who have never with God, for surely He will be enquired of to do this for us.

Yours truly,  
Mary S. Rice.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.  
Oct. 10th, 1880.

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother:

The steamer came in Saturday night, bringing your letter of Sept. 10th. I was very sorry to hear you had been ill, hope you are quite yourself by this time. I fear you are doing too much and will break down. I am sorry you did not get the small photo in time for your purpose.

You say you are glad Mr. Young has gone to Chilcat. Well I am glad too to save that field, but I hope the Board will not send Mr. Young off on any more long trips. For his work suffers very much at home when he is gone so long. I feel very sorry that the missionaries you wrote about in your last



letter did not get up this boat. Who is Dr. Caldwell? Has he a family? Your speak of Rev. J. Stewart Ross agreeing to give for the support of a girl in the Home. Do you think he expects to give sufficient for the support of a girl, and that he intends to continue it? Perhaps it will be best to let what he gives go toward Gracie Fannings support. I had a letter from them this mail and they have the impression that it only costs \$12 per year to support a girl and with this understanding they have assumed the support of Gracie. I do not see how they could get this idea, nor how they could suppose a child could be taken care of for that amount. It rejoices my heart to hear of the great good work in New Mexico.

We had the most severe wind storm here last night that I have seen in Alaska, but our buildings stood it bravely. The storm continued all night. I did not sleep much. The wind blew some of our fences down. But we feel very thankful that we escaped with that.

Much love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.

I was desirous of buying a canoe that is here from the Hydah country, but lack \$25 of the amount needed. Hope we will get it soon.

Sincerely your sister in Christ,  
A. H. McFarland.

Sitka, Alaska  
Oct. 11, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of Sept 10th came to hand yesterday. I am glad that you are still interested in these people. I believe that you are on the right track. You have seen enough of Mr. Duncan's plans and methods to satisfy you that you are not wrong in advocating such an enterprise for these people. They are ready and most anxious to do any kind of work for reasonable pay. I am fortunate in having Mr. J. O. Reilly to refer to in reference to matters connected with the cutting packing Co. cannery. He worked at the business for two years. In the first place the Co. were at too great an expense for material and labor. The first season the freight was \$10 per M. for lumber and they agreed to pay passage of laborers up and down from Portland. They paid \$10 per ton for fish. This is twice what it ought to be. If a cannery uses it own seines they can be had in abundance for \$5 per ton. Wood delivered at the cannery with cost \$2 per cord. It will requires about 100 cords for 6000 cases. It will require about 2000 bushels of charcoal and ought to be obtained for about 15 cents per bu. All cold cans cost the Co. 5 cents each for 1 lb. cans. Boxes will cost 18 cents for holding 4 dozen cans. Last season they had 16 white men and 75 Indians on an average. The former received about \$45 and board and the natives \$1 without board



last season. The first they were boarded out this did not pay last year they fed themselves and there was no complaint on their part. they have 10 kettles, 4 boats worth \$150. each, three seins, @150 each, 2 salting tanks and in fact every appliance and everything in good order.

Reilly and King, the men who are in charge, say that everything is in good order. Mr Picken who has been in San Francisco, is now on his way back and writes that the cannery was not run next year. The Co. have two other establishments below.

I think that they would sell this property at 50 or 60 per cent of what it cost them.

The wharf cost nearly as much as the buildings. The California can lie at it at low tide.

I don't see why there should be any reasonable doubt of the enterprise.

The run of salmon here this season was extra fine and fully equal to Columbia river fish. The halibut can be caught at any season. The Captain of the Schooner said that the business would pay by selling smoked fish ready for use here at Sitka for 5cts per lb.

When you are in Chicago, you can inquire into the halibut business as Lynde & Hough the firm in San F. that sent out the Gen. Miller, are preparing the fish for that market. Mr Picken writes that they are sharpers and evidently want to keep the business to themselves? The salted sides delivered in San Fran. cost them about 3cts a lb. A 75 ton schooner ply-between this place and San. F. would bring the freight to a minimum. This does not require so much capital. The halibut the cannery, and sawmill are sure industries and you need not be afraid to urge the matter. The natives can be taken in hand and brought under strict control. Sitka is doubtless the best place as the fish can be had here as abundantly as anywhere else; can be reached by sail easily from San. Francis co. Besides, it is well to take this tribe in hand as vigorously as any other. While in many respects, they are worse than some others, yet for such an enterprise they have decided good qualities. I have held out and prayed for such a work to be given to these people and may God grant that they have it by an other season.

Well, I must cut short. When my friends return, I shall write you more at length about various matters here.

I may possibly go East this winter or spring.

Yours sincerely,

John G. Brady.

Sitka. Oct. 11th, 1880.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Yours of Sept. 10th received yesterday.

We were sorry to learn that you had been sick, but glad



that you were able to be about again. Our prayer is that your life and health may be precious in the sight of our Father.

I hope you have received the little piece I wrote for the N.M.P. and that it may be of some account.

I promise again that I will try and see that you receive something more regularly for the paper.

I did not write anything this month, for I have not been able to write much a good part of the time.

Mrs L. and I were both quite unwell a week ago. Sabbath week, we were unable to attend services at all. We are feeling better now, but I am in pain all the time while I write.

I have managed by spells to make a plan and discription of the Hospital building. I don't calim that all the measurements etc. are exactly perfect but I think nearly so. When I wrote to Mrs. Haines some time ago I said I thought the building would be put in such order that we could get along with it for sometime at much less cost than I have named in this. Some experience I have had since writing to her leads me to the conclusion that \$25,000 would be little enough. When I wrote to her I had thoughts of being able to do a good deal of the work myself but I have been compelled to abandon that idea. There are no government buildings here that it would pay to move. They are mostly log buildings and not suited to the purpose you propose. I spoke to Capt. Beardslaw and Col. Hall about the letters. Capt. B. said he would rather not write anything as other parties wished the property but he expected to be in Washington and would be glad to do all he could personally. Capt. B. had been released from command of the Jamestown at his request. I have also made a copy of the plans and specifications of the building and will send to Dr. Kendal. We shall also send a petition to the board signed by Mr. Brady, Mr. Austin and myself asking that you be authorized to press the claims of Alaska before the authorities at Washington. Shall be obliged to close. Hope to be feeling more like writing next time.

Yours in Christian bonds,  
G. W. Lyons.

Huntingdon, Pa.

Oct. 11th, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir and Brother;-

I left home last week Tuesday morning. The board of Home Missions had a meeting the day before. I stopped to get a report on my way to the train. Dr. Roberts was off to Presbyter but Mrs. Roberts said nothing was done for the simple reason that there was so much business on hand that they did not get to it. Our school work etc. was not even mentioned nor your own name. There will be another meeting (D. V.) in a fortnight. When we must hope to have the subject come



up. Perhaps Dr. Roberts has written to you. So many pressing letters followed me, I could not keep up with them.

We had excellent meetings at Salem, N.J. (synodical), and one really encouraging at Philadelphia at 1334 Chestnut st. Assembly Room. Mrs Newkirk sent out 70 invitations.

Mrs Green, Gregory, Boyd and I all said a few words and Miss Noble took up the time. Dr. Dunn presided and was appealed to, to see to Synod of Phil.

We had a good meeting at Harrisburg yesterday (Sunday) afternoon in Dr. Robinsons' lecture room and now again at Huntington; am now just off for Detroit.

Do you remember a Miss Weisting here? She has been at Carlisle Barracks helping them, and I now think favorably of having her come; from letters from her. She might do well at one of the new Indian stations.

I hope you are stronger.

F. E. H. Haines.

Detroit, Mich.

Oct. 12, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

When can you probably go to Boston? Rev. F. T. Marden can arrange for me to be there the 22d, Friday and 24th Sunday. I am expecting to go to the Temperance Convention the 27th inst and have friends with whom I can go with usual work between. If you think I had better wait for you about the Home Missionary meetings later, please telegraph me, care of Rev. R. B. Mason, 407 Jefferson Ave. Detroit, Mich. where I am to be D. V. until Friday. When I see Dr. Kendall who is here I shall know better what to do next.

F. E. H. Haines.

Watrous, New Mexico

Oct. 12, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

Received your letter yesterday advising me of an appointment as head teacher of the Pueblo Mission of Rio Grande. I am very sorry that my arrangements here do not permit my acceptance of same, as otherwise I should have only been too glad to have availed myself of your kind offer. After night's consideration it appears to me the more clearly that my duty lies here until the completion of my agreement with the Watrous School Board.

Returned from my trip down the Lower Pecos, travelled 350 miles a foot but rode back. The people of San Salomon a



village of El Paso Co., Texas wish a teacher and preacher. A countryman, Samuel R. Miller, mail contractor has a ranche on the Limpis (transparent or clear creek) a mountain stream running into the Pecos and heading in the Apache Mts. The priest an Irishman has rendered himself much disliked on account of his leech like qualities in tithes and other perquisites. From what Mr. Miller told me, the field is ripe and a wedge could be entered into the massy block of ignorance and superstition. There are two more American families in the neighborhood who would welcome a preacher. Should nothing better offer itself it is my intention to go down there after the completion of my year here. What I mean by better, is not to be taken in a pecuniary sense, but a situation where I might find myself warranted in taking unto myself a wife. It is high time I was settling down and this is not the place. Shall visit the missions of Coate and Agua Negra this winter along with Mr. Eastman and alone. It was quite a revelation to me to meet with such a God fearing, Bible loving community. The differences in favor of our young Presbyters are very marked. You can see a welcome in every countenance and a thirst for knowledge is planted, which with a little attention on the part of the Presbyterian Board of Missions will bring forth fruits worthy of such fine soil. The glens are much like our Scottish homes and the sight of the flowers native to the hills would alone repay a visit. When Agua Negra becomes better known it will be a sanatorium second to none in the territory. Mr. Eastman has been there since our visit in July, and intends going again soon. I shall try and accompany him. Have been very busy with my books since I came back. They arrived safe from Fort Worth, Texas, and I am very happy to see their old familiar faces once again.

Now dear sir, if you can do anything for the poor people of San Salomon near Ft. Davis, Texas please do it soon. The wedge can be driven in now. For information you can address Mr. S. R. Miller, San Salomon, El Paso Co., Texas. Mr. Eastman has already given you an account of the Agua Negra Mission so I need not say much. A teacher should be sent there also, and to save expenses could teach three months in one placeta and then move to another. Thus in a short time he could awaken such a thirst for learning that the people would begin to claim their right to a share of the public school money, which is the battle we must fight here. Should you wish it I can give you my views more fully. I write these off hand as I wish to answer your letter in time.

Yours truly,  
Joseph Boyle.

Missoula, M. T.  
Oct. 14, 1880



Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Friend:

Your kind remembrance in the shape of a lot of papers was very welcome. I have been very busy this year, so have neglected even my own father in correspondence.

I don't know that I wrote you of organizing a church in Steenville in May with eleven members most of them old Presbyterians gathered up, one on profession of faith, two from the M. E. church south. I wish to keep quiet here but expect in a year to organize a least one more in the valley. Several are now ready to join us. If I will I am going the whole length of the valley once each month and preaching in five different places, I travel one hundred and fifty miles in the trip and am absent six days. This part of the work seems hopeful and has plenty of room for development. Two Presbyterian families have moved into the valley lately and will unite with us. I am preaching now every Sabbath but one in the month. My buggy is worn out and I am wondering how I shall get another. Do you know any first class maker that will let me have a new buggy at cost. Mine may stand another trip or two but I must soon have a new one. It costs as much to freight in a poor one as a good one. Can you get me special freight rates over the U. P. R. R. This is a question that concerns the work here so I write you. Henning has left Deer Lodge and expects to go east soon to remain. Smith has left Helena so we lose as much as we have gained.

Kind regards to Mrs. J. and the girls.

Yours truly,

M. L. Cook.

Denver, Col.

Oct. 14, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear brother:

I received your postal this evening and mail the paper desired. I will send a copy to the Board at once with a copy of the overture passed last spring. This last paper was adopted by a unanimous vote, Darley's voice being prominent in the affirmative.

Teitworth presented a very humble apology Tuesday morning by the hand of Dr. W. which was accepted and the case dismissed.

The Pres. of Pueblo have asked that he be commissioned as roving missionary in the San Luis valley for five months at a salary of \$1000 per annum.

We had a very pleasant closing of the old Pres. and opening of the new. Smith's case was set over till spring by Pres. of Pueblo.

All well. Kind regards to your family.



Yours fraternally,  
J. D. Kerr.

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Oct. 18, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

My dear bro:

I reached here on the 15th, Friday eve. Found neither Dr. Thomas nor Mr. Riggels at home. I stop at the Grand Central. No one has house room enough in the church take a boarder. Prof. Iadd is filling the pulpit being engaged for a month has preached two Sabbaths. I think he wishes to fill it and "entre nous" will if he can make the effort to turn the church into a Congregational church. The church is now very small and he is looking up all that are Congregationalists in sympathy. I get this impression from what I see and what the Methodist preacher tells me, Rev. M. Hall. I preached for him in the morning, he haveing called on me Saturday eve and Mr. Iadd not calling till Sunday morning when he called and asked me to preach in the evening, which I did. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins called on Sunday P. M. I preached to a full house in the evening. I suppose Prof. Iadd will expect to fill the pulpit two more Sundays according to an engagement the trustees made with him. I think I may as well go on to Las Vegas and visit Mr. Eastman until you come as I do not wish to interfere with Mr. Iadd's engagement. The people have two or three this morning expressed a strong desire I should be with them, I will still prayerfully look over the field, but it will be a hard one for a year or so.

Have we a church at Albuquerque? I understand it is growing more than Santa Fe. I have not yet said anything to Mrs. Perkins on the mission school. Will sometime.

Will you please get me a half fare pass over the A. T. & S. F. road for the year from Mr. White. I shall need one if I stay and if I go back I wish to look at some other places. Please send it to me at Las Vegas where I presume I shall spend next Sabbath and return here by Wednesday or Thursday, care of Rev. Mr. Eastman. Dr. Kendall wished me to visit him while here. Can you find out if Boulden is to be vacant or not? While you are asking for a half fare pass for me, please ask for Mrs. Boyd and family if she comes out to visit we will use it, if not lay it aside.

Yours in haste.

E. J. Boyd.

P. S. We ought to have had the start in school matters before the Congregationalists got in.



Columbus, Ohio.  
Oct. 18, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find one dollar for some needy missionary on your field. It is a birthday gift from a long vacant chair. It is not the widow's mite but the mite of a Home Missionary's wife, whose husband is toiling in a vast place in Michigan while I am here trying to educate our younger children. My sympathies have always been more with the home work, but am willing my children should go to the Foreign field if it seems best. A son and daughter expect now to go to Bulgaria next year. They graduate in June and expect to sail in October. When our children are called away we then know what it means to make sacrifices for the Master. I am always deeply interested in the Rocky Mountain and no more welcome guest ever comes to our door freighted as it always is with interesting news fresh from our great west.

Very respectfully,

Mary D. Kelsey.

468 East Broad St.

Poncha Springs, Col.  
Oct. 18, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

We have now been here since Friday the 15th. There has been a heavy fall of snow in the mts. and it seems difficult if not impossible for Mrs. Shepherd to go on to Irwin. The mining towns nearest here are almost shut in and the report is that there are three or four feet of snow toward Irwin. Under these circumstances I have decided to leave my wife here and proceed alone tomorrow to Gunnison en route for I. Furthermore the result of our stay here has been to establish the conviction in my mind that my wife will not be able to endure a higher altitude than this. She breathe here with no more than bare comfort when quiet and the least exertion is apt to bring on palpitation of the heart or severe pain in her side. All the indications are that each additional degree of altitude increases a strain in her system which it is not able to bear safely or comfortably. Now I do not care to try any experiments and under the circumstances it has seemed best to me to report the state of the case to you at once. If I were indispensable to Irwin or if there were no other field open it might be best that I should leave my wife belwon for an indefinite period and labor alone. But as it is I judge from what you said to me in Denver that another man can be put into Irwin who will fill the place as satisfactory as I while I myself can be doing equally as much good in another



field and at the same time enjoy the satisfaction of seeing my wife in a situation where she can have good health and be able to secène me efficiently in my work. As for muself I should as lief labor at Irwin as elsewhere, and I think have shown by my summer's work up there, my willingness to be stationed anywhere I can be made useful to the church.

Were it not a question of my wife's health and comfort, I should unhesitatingly return to I. and labor there, until plainly called elsewhere

I have talked the matter over with Father Hamilton whose views are decidedly in accordence with my own. Now it is necessary for me to tell you right here that the people of this place and South Ark. have asked my permission to put in an application for my services? I have replied that while I have no objections to their putting in the application, I intend still to hold myself subject to your orders.

They have accordingly agreed to make the application with the understanding that I am entirely free to act as I think proper whether to go back to I. or to any point you may indicate. The people at both places have been quite urgent in their solicitations that I should decide to settle here, but I have plainly told them that the circumstances are such that I cannot give them any definite answer at present. That is I have said as much to Mr. Walker and Father Hamilton, but have simply said to others that for the present at least, I must go back to I. Now I beg of you if I am to be transferred that you let me know just as soon as possible, who is to succeed me in order that I may post him thoroughly in regard to matters at I. The place as well as Gunnison ought to be occupied uninterruptedly and by a man of energy and common sense. If he has those two qualifications there is no reason in the world why he should not succeed. I can write to him if you will give his address and ssure him both ad to the desirableness of the field and the means few and simple by which he can occupy it successfully. There are somethings which he must know however. Meanwhile I will proceed to I. and labor there as usual, getting everything into the best snape possible and saying nothing to the people about the proposed change until you notify me who is to take my place at once. An energetic man could work both G. and I. till spring there should be a blockade. Please write to me or telegrap at Pucha Springs as my wife will forward at once in such a way that I will be sure to receive it, which will not be the case if you direct it to I. in the present state of the rail.

Very respectfully,

Chas. M. Shepherd.

Mt. Pleasant, Utah.  
Oct. 18, 1880



Dear Dr. Jackson:

I have just received my new commission from the Board, "Oceans of work" lie in every direction. Before entering upon it I should like to hear from you. I should value any suggestion from you very highly. One of the first things to be done is to find a man for the church at Mt. Pleasant. It now has a membership of 39 a good session of 3 elders an active deacon and a good comfortable house of worship without a dollar of debt of any kind. I hope we can find a man who is wise and discreet and plentifully endowed with that uncommon commodity miscalled common sense. We need two other men also, one for Sevier County and one for Nephi and other points. If you can help me find the one or the three, I shall be obliged

Mrs. M. and I have hoped to see you at our house but have not yet had that pleasure.

Our regards to you all.

Yours fraternally,  
D. J. McMillan.

Socorro, N. M.  
Oct. 18, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:

Your postal at hand. I have been at Albuquerque and perfected our application for aid. It has passed through the hands of Bros. Shields and Eastman and is en route for New York, as a postal from Bro. Eastman informs me this morning.

Dr. Faly and I found it impossible to get an room in Albuquerque to preach in, and I so notified the Secretaries in my letter that helped to secure their aid for a church there. Dr. Faly has had his brother's wife and children there and she (his bro's wife) has had a long spell of sickness, so we could not have any services at his house. I trust now how ever that in 60 days we will have a nice church of our own if the Board responds as expected. I have just written Dr. Wilson asking as early attention to our application as possible, as we must make adobas soon or wait till spring. Perhaps a card from you to Dr. Wilson and Mrs. Haines to the same effect will secure their early attention to it. If you write tell them to give the full amount asked, for we could not do with any less.

I have never entirely recovered from my last attack of fever, though I have done full duty since I got up and out. I cannot say for a certainty that I can meet you at Albuquerque as my last trip two weeks ago made me worse again. If I do not meet you there I hope you can stop off here. I have by God's help got our church finished. It is neat and cozy room 19 by 45 inside, well seated and with nice pulpit. We have organized a church with 14 members. Have a Sunday School of 22 scholars/ prayer meeting Wednesday night. The class of



young Mexican girls in S. S. I expect is the nicest of the kind in the Ter. I have also arranged to begin a class at my house tonight to meet twice a week of grown men and women, to learn English. Next Sabbath I must be here.

I and Mrs. Fulton both very much desire you to come down here, I want to talk with you about the work in this section, and she wants to see you about the school, and wants you to see how things are getting on. We shall be disappointed if you do not come. Can't you spend next Sabbath with us?

Yours truly,  
S. D. Fulton.

Corrales, N. M.  
Oct. 19, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Though I have very little news that I can communicate to you, I desire to tell you some things.

This is a time when I prepare fodder and corn for my horse and wood for the winter; and also I have had to clean up the schoolroom and the room for Miss Fletcher. It has kept me very busy. I have prepared my sermons and preached every Sabbath since Presbytery. And on an average, I have visited a family every day.

I have been to Albuquerque several times. Once to Atrisco several times to Griegos, Candelarias, Alameda, Montoyas. I have not yet been to Bernalillo and Placitas. I expect to preach there to-morrow.

I have been three times to Jemez. Yesterday, I there and we ordained Brother Amitorio as elder and received three adult persons into Dr. Shield's Jemez church.

We do not know yet when Miss Smith will come, and I'll tell you privately, Mrs P. expects to be confined in about three weeks, so the school will have to stop again if she does not come. Every body is so busy now that I have not pushed the matter of church organization here. It is the time of the new wine and every one of those disposed to join, use it to excess so I do not know what else to do; but to continue exhorting them to abandon the habit and make up their minds to join and organize. It is a great drawback to the evangelistic work

However, there seems to be a growing interest among the people. The Sabbath before last, 26 persons attended the service in Corrales. The preceding Sabbath, in another part of our town I had a good room full. I talked very plainly against Romanism, and they took it very kindly. A man is offering to sell a lot of land in the very centre of our town. It is 33 yards by 150 yards in length. This is a very desirable location for the mission. It is right between the two towns and at a good distance from other dwellings.



It is worth \$80. If it could be secured for the mission it would have a good influence. If nothing can be done by the friends of our missions I think I'll have to buy it myself poor as I am. Aoyedis of the Cerillos advertiser met me yesterday. He said he had met you several times and had spoken to you for situation as teacher among the Pueblos. He is a good teacher but is not a member of the church. He made me promise to mention him to you.

With many and kind regards from us all to you and yours, let me earnestly asked to be remembered in your prayers.

Jose Yves Perea.

P. O. Address, Albuquerque.

Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Oct. 19, 1880

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:

I have just rec'd a letter from Rev. J. McLaughrey asking about the vacancy at Santa Fe and desiring an appointment there. he writes from Laramie City, W.T. and refers me to Rev. J. D. Kerr and T. E. Bliss D. D. He declines the call to Laramie City. Will you take the matter in hand? or shall the H. M. Committee dispose of such items? I refer it to you.

Also Bro. Fulton writes that now in his judgment, Albuquerque is the most open point in N. M. for Church effort and desires a missionary sent there. Can this be done? Also, Prof. Robertson, one of my elders has just returned from a trip to White Oaks and reports that there are now some 150 houses there and people constantly coming in, that there is substantial basis in the character of all the things to warrant a steady growth, and that there is no church of any denomination, and seldom ever any preaching. Is it not a point to be occupied? I have also talked with Mr. J. H. Wise of White Oaks who is here on his way there with his family. His wife is a Presbyterian and seems very desirous of having a church. I believe she comes from Denver. They can be addressed on the subject at White Oaks.

Very respectfully yours,

J. C. Eastman.

Poncha Springs, Col.

Oct. 19, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Sir:

There is a saying, old and familiar, that "patience is a virtue". I have been as patient as possible for me, but now my patience has ceased to be a virtue, and I take the liberty to write to you about a subject that not only troubles



myself but others who are interested in the spiritual growth of this town. My subject is Mr. Merritt. When Mr. Merritt learned that this field was vacant he informed Presbytery that he should come here and that body, I suppose wishing to get rid of him allowed him to come. His first appearance at Poucha was in a wagon with several animals attached, which animals he was beating unmercifully. Thus were those who witnessed this prejudiced against the church, for they said they did not want to hear a man preach in the pulpit who could not preach in his every day life. My first meeting with him was while assaying when he came in meddling with my things, and without knowing who he was, had my disgust for him thoroughly aroused. Since then I have learned that this is one of his characteristics never minding his own business but always meddling with others. And no matter to whom you are talking or how private you wish to be Mr. Merritt must push his ears up and try to hear and always have his say in everything, no matter whether it is anything that effects him or not. Another matter that worries me is that he will come to prayer meeting without having made the least preparation. He sits down and reads the next Sabbath school lesson and then reads the comments on it that are in the Westminster question book and one Wednesday evening he forgot his question book and so looked all over the Assay Office for one and when he could not find one I heard him ask Father Hamilton if he knew where the next lesson and when he was told read it and make a few comments on it which thoroughly showed that he had not even thought of it before. To see the climax he came home from Presbytery in time for prayer meeting Wednesday. The subject was "The Holy Spirit" and was assigned by Mr. Hamilton the previous Wednesday. Mr. Merritt read the account of Paul and the other apostles being filled with the Holy Spirit, and they were all of one accord in one place said Mr. Merritt, now he said we are not of one accord in this place and therefore cannot expect to have the Holy Spirit with us. He said that he did not learn it till he went to Presbytery and said he, I learned it in this way: there was an application sent in that some person other than myself he sent here. Now, sir, it was lie from beginning to end, for I knew that Mr. Walker had a talk with him at least two weeks before the Presbytery and told him that we could not think of sending an application for his return but he thought that I did not know about it. Now how can we respect such a man. As I understand the matter of his commission, it does not allow him to engage in any business, well he has been hauling wood for different parties and yesterday he was going all over town to borrow \$100 for three months to have an assessment sunk on a mine which he has an interest in of half. One gentleman told me that he saw him come out of one of the two saloons and immediately tackled him for \$100 and he would not lend him any money, he said because he thought it would be the same as giving it to him,



and he also said he thought Mr. Merritt ought to use a little common sense and not go to a saloon keeper to borrow money and especially such a one as this one. I learn that his commission does not run out until December and the question I want to ask is, must we put up with him until then or cannot some way be provided to have him taken away from here, for such a man as a missionary does more harm than good.

Rev. Charles Shepherd came through here and preached on Sunday morning at South Arkansas and in the evening here. The people like him very much and as he has to leave his wife here on account of her health and will not be able to take her to Irwin I think from what I hear the people say, that they would be very much liked here and be the means of doing much good among us. Cannot some way be provided by which he can be sent here. I have also learned that the people of South Arkansas are very anxious that he be sent to us.

Hoping that Mr. Shepherd may be substituted for Mr. Merritt and that immediately, I beg to be allowed to sign myself

Very truly your friend,  
Kenneth L. Finestock.

Poncha Spring, Col.  
Oct. 19, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Sir:

I write you to ask that you use your influence to secure for us the services of Rev. C. M. Shepherd now of Irwin for this church and the one at South Arkansas. As Mr. Shepherd has already advised you the effect of this altitude is such on Mrs. S. that it is decidedly unwise to take her to Irwin and Mr. S. having been with us several days all our people here and at South Arkansas will gladly unite in a request for his services. It is of course possible that even a better man than Mr. Shepherd might be found for us, but all whom I have had an opportunity to sound on the matter are so much pleased with him that we are satisfied that he is much the best man for us under the present circumstances. Mr. Merritt has done us much damage that it will take months if not years to place us in the position where we might easily have been now with a good man. If Presbytery ever give him another field or even permit him to go to some other Presbytery they will be very much to blame as they certainly were in permitting him to come here, for it seems impossible that he should do good in anyway. I do not say this with any spirit of ill will toward the man but from a conviction of duty which I feel lies upon me.

I have but a few minutes in which to write or would enter more into detail. We are very anxious that you should come here and ascertain for yourself the exact condition of



matters.

Very hastily yours,  
Chas. E. Walker.

P. S. We shall in a few days send in a formal application for Mr. S. at these two points.

When can you come here and give us your lecture on Alaska We want it as an aid to our parsonage fund.

Silver Cliff writes they do not want McC. and I fear T. is at the bottom of it. I wrote the session advising them to welcome Mr. McC. as Presbytery had directed him to assume charge of the church and Mr. T. was no longer their supply.

Yours,  
H. B. Gage.

Pueblo,  
Oct. 20, 1880

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Oct. 20, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

The people of Santa Fe wish me to be here next Sab. so I shall not go to Las Vegas this week. Not until after you visit Santa Fe. You need not direct my ticket to that place but to me here where I shall be for 20 days more at least.

Yours,  
E. J. Boyd.

New Zealand,  
Oct. 20, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Please receive under cover of this draft on Bank of England in your favor for L 3.-10 for Alaska. I sent first ex by last rail.

I am just preparing to go to Southland for a few weeks. With kindest regards, in haste

Yours very sincerely,  
C. Stuart Ross.

Pueblo, Col.  
Oct. 21, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:



A letter from Chas. E. Walker, Pecos Springs says that Rev. Shepherd on account of his illness has decided not to remain at Irwin this winter, also that Poncha and South Arkansas want him at once and that he expresses himself ready to accept that field and says he would prefer it to Santa Fe of which you had spoken to him. Cannot that arrangement be made?

Rev. J. C. Eastman writes me from Las Vegas, N.M. that Rev J. McGaughey has written to the H.M. Committee asking to be recommended to Santa Fe, and asks me if McGaughey is adapted to that field. I have referred him to you as I do not know McG. I never heard him preach or speak and know nothing about his work up in Wyoming.

Quite a number of us left Denver one day before the Presbytery of Pueblo adjourned. Just before it adjourned Telford put them to recommend him to the F. B. at a salary of \$1000 per annum for six months with a "roving commission" to the San Louis valley. I sent the recommendation to the Board as stated above, but with it I sent my personal protest with good reasons why it should not be granted. Do you think the Board will listen to a private protest in such a case? Or will they say the Presbytery should know best and most about it and look on an individual letter as a personal spite?

Yours as ever,  
Henry B. Gage.

Elko, Nevada.  
Oct. 22, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

My Dear Bro:

On my arrival home from synod, my wife informed me that a letter had been received from your office but had been mislaid or lost.

I have just had a conference with Mr. Howe and he tells me that it will be impossible for them to have the buildings ready before spring, hence your men had better delay coming till then. It is a very high perhaps 6500 feet above the sea and cold too much so to progress rapidly in building during winter. I believe Mr. Howe is of the opinion that you should send a single man, if there is to be no other white family on the reservation it would be rather trying to a woman to be there alone, but if Mr. Howe's family goes up, I should say send a married man with no children. I am of the opinion that no children ought to come in contact with this kind of life, indeed I would not want mine to remain in Nevada for it is a second Sodom where no prospect pleases & all man is vile.

As to Bro. McCalloch it was a wise thing not to send him as I find that while with the Indians he made them his enemies



and they do not wish him, his wife we have known for years, he married her out of my church in Cal. and there is no discount on her, she would do a good work any where and if there is any other opening they might do well. I have said to Mr. Howe that as soon as I heard from you I will let him know, but it is possible we may leave here within a week for St. Louis and you had better drop him a line as to whom you prefer to send and when. I find Mr. Howe very pleasant and gentlemanly in all respects and like him very much, and I should think that almost any christian could get along with him nicely.

Very truly yours,  
A. J. Compton.

New York, N. Y.  
Oct. 22, 1880

Dear Brother:

I intended writing you as soon as I could communicate with Dr. Kendall, but he has been out of the city attending synods and does not return until Saturday night, possibly not then.

I had a letter from Mrs. Perkins in regard to the removal to the Navajoe station from which I inferred that she rather looked favorably upon it. Our Ex. Com. felt quite strongly the disadvantage of the many changes in the school at Santa Fe and they desire that the Perkins should stay in the school, still as I said the most important work must be the great end in view and I leave it to Providence to rule over. Should Mr. McGaughey satisfy the people as a preacher and his wife be competent for the school it may be all right in the end, but I trust you will let Mr. P. go to the work and let Mrs. P. remain until she could fairly and fully induce another into her place. Dr. K. had a Mr. Boyd in view, I think whose daughter was a fine teacher, but perhaps more for a higher education.

I will let you hear as soon as I have consulted Dr. K.

Very truly,  
J. H. Graham.

Laramie City, W. T.  
Oct. 23, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson:

Dear Bro:

Yours of the 19th inst received. From what I know I would prefer Santa Fe? But would not decide to go either place until I have looked over the field. Should Santa Fe not open I might still go to see Albuquerque. Any information you may give in reference to those fields will be gladly



received.

Yours in Christ,  
J. McGahey.

Conejos, Co. Col.  
Oct. 25, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

This is Monday and we had communion yesterday and I am very tired. I could not have got through at all if Bro. Jacobs had not been with me. We had a meeting on Sat. P. M. which was not very encouraging. On Sunday morning just at time for service there came two to unite with the church and be baptized, with their child and three were to unite by certificate. At the evening session there was another who wanted to be baptized, thus you have the irregularity of things here though in the end they are encouraging. We received in all 5 by cer. and 3 on profession of faith. They have no idea of rule and regulation in such matters. I have a time trying to bring them to a degree of punctuality in beginning our services. I held communion at LaJara Sunday 17th inst, here yesterday, next Sunday there will be communion at San Rafael and on the Sunday following at LaJara (No. 2) The people tell me I am learning the language presto. I read a talk of 15 minutes yesterday on La casa de Senor. As to the schools I have concluded on further examination it is better to remain here at Ceniceo. Mrs. Norton will therefore take the school here and I will send Miss Kipp to La Jara and Miss Higgins to San Rafael. The school at La Jara will be a good one I think and the family with whom the teacher will live is one of the best among the Mexicans. They will put up a room for the school immediately. It will be less trying to a young lady than here. They will furnish board wood etc. What this will amount to we cannot tell as yet but if it does not reach \$200 what Mrs. M. proposed deducting from her salary she will make up that amount from her salary here. I wrote Mrs. Haines that \$200 would be deducted from the salary at that point. Our school here open Nov. 1st I have not yet heard when Miss Kipp and Miss Higgins will be here. Will write them today and tell them to wait a letter from you. Send their orders on the A. F. & S. F. to Miss Jennie E. Kipp, Cameron, Mo. and Miss Mary B. Higgins, Osborn, Mo. Please send them at once as our schools need to be opened as soon as possible.

Another matter I ought to mention and I do it confidentially yet feeling you ought to know it. Our Pres<sup>2</sup> after its organization recommended that Bro. Teitsworth be sent to Del Norte and La Jara (at \$1000 for year) for 5 months. There were only 6 ministers and 2 or 3 elders present. Bro. D. advocated it for a whole year in 3 speeches and Bro. T. in



2. I then opposed it as visionary and on the ground it was making a place for a man at the expense of the Board. It was voted down one for and two against, the rest not voting. I felt the responsibility of the matter too much and asked that all should vote. Bro. D. then made a motion for 5 minutes and no one seconded it till at last for peace's sake I did so but would not vote. It was carried. I told them you ought to have something to say in the matter and think so yet. I simply give you this information. I wrote the Board to advance me some money but have received none yet and am much straitened. If I do not get it soon I must send east and borrow.

Yours fraternally,

W. W. Morton.

P. S. I wrote the Board of Pub. as to Bro. J. and I do hope for the works sake he will be commissioned.

W. W. M.

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New York, N. Y.

Jan. 26, 1880

Dear Brother:

I am sure that the ladies of our Committee will be pleased to make their arrangements to meet you at my rooms 48 West 10th st. at the time you name. Thursday, Feb. 19th at 10 A. M. We shall be very glad if you can decide upon some points, though your advice and suggestions leaving all to that time, I am

Yours very truly,  
Julia M. Graham.

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23 Centre st, New York.

Oct. 28, 1880

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I have yours of the 14, 20, and 22 inst. I have to communicate that we find Mr. Critchlow is now at Salt Lake City says they can go over the mountains for 20 days more. I telegraphed him an hour ago, "Rev. McCulloch and wife, Elko, Nev. appointed and ready, telegraph them to accompany you, and" and to McC. "Report to agent Critchlow immediately at Salt Lake City". I think we shall get that right through.

Mrs. Graham has written you about Mr. and Mrs. Perkins for the Navajoes. I shall write at once to the Department at Washington to find what they will do for Mr. P. as to finishing the building. If Mr. Boyd does not stick at Santa Fe I shall be in favor of sending Mr. McGaughey and wife and that will fill that place in a double sense church and school.

As to another teacher for Messilla another for Hot Springs and teachers for the Pueblo boarding school and three new teachers for Cenicero, La Jara. With talk with Mrs. Hain.



as soon as she gets home from Boston. I did not see her at Clifton as I found despatch that brought me home Saturday last. But I shall want you to visit Norton and his field. He is taking hold too rank. You must revise and supervise I think before we make the appointments. At all events we shall traverse his nominees carefully.

We commissioned Miss Grimstead for San Luis where Miss Ross was. We probably shall grant Teitsworth \$200 but not commission him for San Luis valley. As to appointing you for Superintendent of school work the Board declined to appoint you. Ist, beacuse the work seemed not yet sufficiently developed for such a measure, and 2d beacuse having appointed Mc Millan for Utah, he will take the largest half of the school work into his own hands. I hope you will go to Socorro and Messilla before you return. I have a card today from Taylor at Fort Wingate.

I want to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Santa Fe, New Mexico.  
Oct. 28, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Doctor:

I have just written to Dr. Thomas about children for Carlisle school. Something may possibly be done here if the Dr. comes. But mind you all James is where "Satan's seat is". Come and see us if you can and if you should be going out in the buckboard and could not stop let me know and I will meet you. I am intensely anxious about a teacher and I hope you will not fail to get one soon. It is a critical time in this field just now and you must all stick close to us and do all to help or we will have to give up this field to other's to try their hand. How could we get two barrels of good states apples for the school children. Fruit is so scarce here that some apples would tickle the little Inquis all to pieces.

I hope to hear from you if you cannot come out. Much love.

J. M. Shields.

New York, N. Y.  
Oct. 28, 1880

My dear Friend:

I take my pen for a few words, after watching five nights with my husband who had a very serious accident, being knocked down by the pole of a lumber wagon, breaking the breast bone and occasioning serious injuries. Tonight I begin to hope that he is to be spared to me, but I am so weary that



I can only say a few words. I was not able to see Dr. Kendall on account of this accident but Mrs. Waitt went down for me and her report was that which I gave you without seeing him. That there was a Dr. Boyd who was going if not in Santa Fe whom Dr. Kendall had in view for the church his daughter for the school, but would think well of Mr. McGaughey, if there was no engagement with the first one. I think you must arrange with Mrs. Perkins that she remains until some one is ready to take her place so that the school should not suffer, and also until the one taking it should get acquainted with her plans and method of running it. I am not able to write her, but beg you to give her my affectionate remembrances.

Mr. G. needs me every moment.

Yours very truly,  
Julia M. Graham.

Concordia, Ks.

Seldon Jackson,  
care J. D. Perkins,

I will accept the situation for one thousand a year.

J. S. Shearer.

Mesilla, New Mexico.

Dear Bro:

Your letter written from Santa Fe received. Yes, I have both ears and eyes open in all this region and now in correspondence with parties at El Paso, Texas and Shakespere both of which places will have definite knowledge before you return.

N. B. We greatly need an organ can we not secure one? Is there not some church that will donate one? When you visit Mesilla come to my house, anyone will direct you, only a few doors from the Stage Office.

Yours truly,  
F. S. Thompson.

Mesilla, New Mexico.

Nov. 2, 1880

Dear Bro:

I received package of papers from you, accept thanks. I was taken sick with malarial fever three weeks ago. Have not been able to preach for the last two Sabbaths, not able to sit up all day, one or two days thought my work was about finished and getting better slowly. How I long for the Holy Spirit to visit us with his power; we greatly need a revival of religion. When I recover sufficiently I expect to hold



protracted meeting.

Yours truly,  
Thos. Thompson.

Mt. Pleasant, Utah.  
Nov. 2, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We are greatly in need of three men now. One for Mt. Pleasant and its three suburbs? One for Sevier county with its six towns and one for Nephi and Payzán and the three other towns of the group. Rev. R. E. Field of Brooklyn pastor of the church of the Puritans, wants to come on account of threatened trouble in his lungs. He was colleague with Dr. Cuyler three years ago. He visited Utah and the Pacific slope in '75 with Egbert and Deema. I think of him for Mt. Pleasant if he is not too much of an invalid to be commissioned. If Henning will do for one of the other circuits I can manage the remaining one till spring.

Our work opens out grandly this fall. If Mrs. Graham would leave the matter of our Utah schools entirely to the Woman's Ex. Com. it would greatly simplify and facilitate our work.

Most truly yours,  
D. J. McMillan.

Irwin, Colorado.  
Nov. 4, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I have written to Fraser and expect a telegram from him as soon as he gets my letter letting me know his decision. In regard to the future as you suggest I ought not to be precipitated in deciding. So far as I am concerned I am as willing to go one way as the other. I think likely about Dec. I shall go down to New Mexico and look at the field and see if it is the one I could handle to advantage. You must remember I've had very few difficulties to contend with. Don't let the altitude here be too much of a bugbear to candidates. If a man is single or his wife is strong he can just as well come here as to go to Hot Springs. So far as I am concerned I could stay without the least difficulty. If I go down to Shakespere. Can you get some half fare cards.

With respects to your family,  
Your truly yours,  
Chas. M. Shepherd.



Doqui, New Mexico.  
Nov. 4, 1880

Dear Bro:

You will excuse me for not writing more fully and sooner when you know how impossible it was to command the time and convenience while travelling, except to write such letters as were absolutely required, and when I tell you that on our arrival we found no place that we could occupy and were compelled to erect a temporary shelter for the winter. We are living in our wagon and taking our meals at the agency. I am working 18 Indians on a stockade house as that is the soonest built, and it is too late in the season to build stone. We hope to be in our winter quarters by the 9th, just two weeks after our arrival, Oct. 26th. We are quite well and just as soon as we have a home I will write you more fully and explain our situation. Nothing will be done on school building this winter, but hope to have a little school notwithstanding.

C. A. Taylor.

Centre Point, Iowa.  
Nov. 2, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

I reached Cedar Rapids last week and met the Ladies Home Missionary Society of the 1st Pres. Church on Sat. afternoon. They will assist in building the chapel at Franklin, Idaho by making a contribution for that purpose at their next regular meeting which occurs on the 9th inst, but they are very much opposed to having me sent alone without missionary or associate teacher at Franklin, Idaho, and Dr. Ely and Dr. Holmes have written Mrs. Haines about the matter.

While I was east Mrs. Haines tried to get Miss Cornelia R. Miller a member of Rev. Stephen Phelps' church, Vinton, Iowa to engage as a missionary teacher in Utah, Miss Miller having been very highly recommended to the Woman's Ex. Com. But she declined to take charge of a mission school alone on account of her health which is not very robust, having been effected by teaching in the Iowa College for the blind at Vinton. On this account she did not feel justified in accepting a commission from the Board of Home Missions. Miss Miller is willing to go with me to Franklin, assist in the Sabbath school, mission work outside of the school room and assist me in housekeeping, living with me as an associate until the school is large enough to demand the services of another teacher; she is also willing to do this without any expense to the Board of Home Missions only asking that you use your influence in procuring a half fare certificate over the Union Pacific R. R. if possible. I think I can get a pass for her from Cedar Rapids to Council Bluffs.



I received the duplicate cards and have sent one to Mr. Kimball as you directed. Thanks for the favor.

Please reply at your earliest convenience as I have arranged to leave here on the 18th inst and Miss Miller designs to go at the same time if she goes at all.

Very truly yours,  
Anna Noble.

Corrales, New Mexico.  
Nov. 5, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Rev. and Dear Sir:

I have looked at the school room. there is to be a stove, is no floor. A bell is needed, could a small bell be sent? Also a map, either a map of the world, or as Mr. Peea suggests of North America. I brought a few Appleton Readers but not enough, however I shall write to Mrs. Norton for more? Could you send pens, handles, copy books, and a few primary arithmetics, Rays are good? It would be a good plan to adopt the same books in all the schools in the neighborhood and get a good stock at first cost. I fear to ask for more.

Very respectfully,

Elizabeth B. Smith.

P. S. I am sending to A. today for a stove for the school room. If you can get 1st 2d 3th readers from Appleton please do, also copy books, pens, primary arithmetics, a few small geographies. Mr. P. would like the globe, a small one. I am buying cheap carpet here.

Respectfully yours,  
E. B. S.

Ocate, Mora Co, N. M.  
Nov. 5, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro:

Immediately after receiving your welcome letter, for such it truly was to us, as it is the first word of encouragement or approval we have received from any of our missionary friends since our return to the territory. I started out to see what I could do toward aiding you in giving the assistance which you deem necessary in your school at Albuquerque. I called upon a young Mexican who is a member of our church here and who has just recently been married to a young Mexican lady of much promise, who is also a member of our church here and who was formerly a pupil in our school. We consider her one of the most pious efficient and intelligent christian



worker in this church. She is also quite a good singer and has some knowledge of the rudiments of music. She had been an assistant matron in an excellent American family prior to her marriage, and was, we are told, very highly appreciated in that capacity. The gentleman's name is Seall he is a more than ordinary industrious and enterprising Mexican, and would I was an to believe if employed, render his services satisfactory to his employers. When I apprised those young people of your desire they called in their parents and I explained the matter to them; and after considerable consultation on the subject, they requested me to say to you for them, that if you could furnish them a comfortable home, good board and rooms and pay them \$175 for the school year and pay their R. R. fare to Albuquerque and back to Ocate when they wished to return, or at the close of the school term, they are willing to go for one year, and if they like the situation and their employers are satisfied with them at the expiration of that time they possibly may conclude to remain longer if you desire them to do so. Mr. Seall says he could make more money by remaining at home, as they have a great many sheep, and he can get more than that for his wool each year; but he says he is willing to make some sacrifice for the missionary cause. And my own judgement in the matter is, that you would do well to hire them at their own offer, and I think they will render you efficient and satisfactory service if employed. They are anxious to hear from you immediately. Please respond as early as possible and let me know what is the very best you can do for them.

Now My dear brother I confess I scarcely know what to say to you in regard to our work here; indeed we have no work outside of our church and Sabbath school, save as our school scholars and the members of the church come to us for instruction in our own private dwelling, and our room (as you are doubtless well aware) is so limited to furnish them the advantages they desire. We expected to find the church and the school room both ready to occupy when we returned from the east; but to our utter surprise and disappointment, we found both unfinished and what was still worse, that notwithstanding the weather was extremely cold there had been no provision of any kind made for heating or warming the school room or church; there was no fireplace or stove in either. The next morning after we returned, which was on the 18th of Oct. (as we never received our last quarters salary from the Board until just the day before we left the States and could n't come until we did receive it) I went to Bro. Maes and told him that I thought we ought to go right to work and put a fireplace in the school room so that we could commence school as soon as possible. But he assured me that the weather was too cold to make adobes, as they would freeze and crumble all to pieces before they could be dried and made fit for use; and besides said he, Bro. Roberts said he wanted stoves instead of fireplaces in both school room and church.



so I was at loss to know what to do. I had no money of my own with which to furnish stoves at Las Vegas and I know they could not be obtained at any point nearer than that, and Bro. Mees said he had no money either and could not buy anything at Las Vegas on credit. I then asked them when Bro. Roberts expected to be home? They said they were looking for him everyday, and had no doubt but that he would be here within two or three days at later as he had sent them words a few days ago that he and Bros. R. and Jacobs were coming to dedicate the school on the following Sabbath. So I thought it useless to write to him if he were coming that week, and I waited until the next week and still he did not come. I then wrote to him giving him a history of affairs here, and how anxious the people were to either see or hear something from him, and as yet have received no response from him. I can get no room to teach in here, as they are all occupied and there is another family living in the room I was teaching in when you were here. My wife has been so terribly afflicted with rheumatism since we returned that she has not yet been able to open a school at Gyllina Plaza, but thinks she will be able to commence her labors there in a few days if there is no intervening Providence. Bro. Roberts sent these people word several weeks since that he had the money in his possession to pay for the finishing of the church and the furnishing of the school room; besides enough to pay them all for their labor on the church. These people tell me that the work on the church has already cost over \$700, but I do not think that such can possibly be the case for it seems to me that the quality of the material used and the slight manner in which it has been put together could not have cost over \$300 or at farthest \$400 and in the states it would never have been taken of the mechanics taxes. It is the most awkwardly arranged inconvenient and rough piece of workmanship I ever saw. It is not one fourth part as well finished a building as Rev. Annin's church in Las Vegas. To use plain English it is without any exception the worst botched up piece of workmanship I ever saw. But who is to blame I do not know. Two of the seats in the school room where the childrens Sabbath School meets and one of the seats in the church have already broken down. These people are looking for Bro. Robert this evening, I do not know whether he will come or not, perhaps she may. if so all right, he may arrange for us to open the school soon here; I trust he will as I am getting weary of waiting.

Accept our grateful thanks for the half fare tickets you sent us. Excuse imperfection and prolixity and let me hear from you very soon. Meanwhile, we remain

Your devoted friends in Christ,  
H. W. Hall.

P. S. We have not yet received our commission from the Board.



Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Nov. 8, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My dear Bro:

I sent your telegram this morning at 9 o'clock then went to see Mr. Gilderleeve but found he had gone to Albuquerque, consequently failed to get the certificate relating to his claim of \$40 against the ladies Board.

I saw Mr. Stacker this evening, he is very anxious to receive the appointment of post carpenter at Defiance. I am equally anxious he should have it, so please do all you can to have him appointed his name if Nathan W. Stacker. In reference to the appointment of Mrs. Stecker as matron, my wife and I agree that while we know that she stands high in christian character and in all that concerns a good christian woman, yet on another thought we fear that she will lack the executive ability which is so essential for that office.

I will write you directing to N. Y. sending you all the evidence I can get in reference to the disputed land.

Please write.

Yours most respectfully,  
J. D. Perkins.

23 Centre st, N. Y.  
Nov. 8, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Galasburg, Ill.

Dear Sir:

You have probably heard from Dr. Roberts. I have not fairly seen him since my return via Boston a few days ago. How much I wish there was better news to send you. Mrs. Roberts says that request from Presbytery of Colorado did not help the matter before the Board, which was not prepared to make any appointment about Supt. of Schools just now. I do not want to write much about it, not having any information direct but am, still forced to believe that God will take care of his own work and in the best way. Also I must, and do believe that He will order all things that regard you personally in the best way for you and yours, as well as for His own Glory. How we may and rest.

About the "paper" I do not hear that anything was done either and I am not sorry just now about this. It is better at present you should have control and any change can be made in the course of the year, without wrong to the subscribers so long as they get equivalent to what promised.

When you come on the last of the month, it will be in time to decide about any change of publishers. It would be such an advantage to see proof sheets and to see the most important things always go in.



Yours truly and Respectfully,  
F. H. Haines.

Dobbs' Ferry, N. Y.  
Nov. 9, 1880

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Under the advice of Dr. Kendall, through Mrs. Graham we are trying in our Presbytery of Westchester to secure the support of a new school just opened in Socorro, New Mexico, Mrs. Ada D. Fulton teacher. We have the letters that we have received both from Mr. and Mrs. Fulton relative to this work, and a good beginning has already been made towards securing pledges for the salary and other things that they may find helpful. In Mrs. Fulton's letter she refers to you as having encouraged her to undertake this school. It would be an encouragement to us workers at home, if you could send me a few lines corroborating the favorable account we have received of this lady and from your personal acquaintance and of the advisability of maintaining such a work at that point. Such words from you, too, would have weight with the pastors and churches in whom we of the Synodical Committee are trying to stimulate interest in home missions. We have been greatly blessed here in Westchester, in getting a fine Presbyterian Society started both home and foreign and are ready to do all we can with Mrs. Graham.

Truly Yours,  
Elizabeth E. Niess.

25 Centre st, N. Y.  
Nov. 9, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Galesburg, Ills.

Dear Sir and Brother:

My absence from home has caused some delay, but I hope to hear this week from Miss McLean and Miss Wray as to how soon they can go.

Tomorrow I expect to meet Mrs. Ashbel Green at Syn. Com. with power to decide several matters and I will speak about Miss Emma S. Fletcher with the understanding that you responsible as to her being able to furnish the certificates needed.

Miss Verbeck's case is to be settled tomorrow (D. V. ) she can possibly be released from her present engagement as City Missionary.

Do not say anything more about Miss Weisting, she is good but will not answer, her deafness is sufficient reason to give. I am inquiring about one or two others.



I wrote the other day to you. I do hope you will get on as usual this year. The way was not open for any change. Dr. Roberts will explain when you see him. Your room is ready here the 20th inst or whenever you choose. If I knew what a lady clerk would probably expect as salary I could work to better advantage. We might engage ~~me~~ here at Elizabeth to work here with me a ~~part~~ of the time, here at the house. I wonder how many days it takes to mail the "paper".

Yours very truly,  
F. E. H. Haines.

Fernando de Taos, N. M.  
Nov. 11, 1860

Dear Bro. Jackson, D. D.

Your note and card dated the 5th inst were received by last mail. I am glad to rejoice to receive the news you give us. Many thanks.

I think I have the man you want but his wife is quite young in her teens yet, but intelligent. But you must give me time to confer with them and induce them to go. They live in Coate I will go there next week. The man I have in mind and his wife were in Bro. Hall's school during the past year. It seems to me that \$10 per month to begin with will be enough. If they fill the bill well and make an effort to improve in every way it can be raised to \$12 per month. This man has a single brother who is studying with the ministry in view. He is a very pious young man learns fast and I think would make a good teacher in your Indian Institution. He would make a good interpreter and would be able to teach your teachers his language. he could be employed for less than an American teacher and more than fill the place of one; and be fitting himself all the while for his chosen work, if we can induce him to undertake the work.

I did n't organize a church at Rinconis. I presume I shall do so soon but there are some difficulties in the way. Rinconis means corners & is about 40 miles in different directions in a mountain country throughout. Charisal is one of the little corners in which little valley we have three followers three families. El Vallia is another five miles away where there 126 souls all told about 26 families and it is five miles to anywhere of Mts. but here we have four members and presently will have more without doubt. I am hesitating to conclude a church in so small a place. Wherever the church is put we must put a school and there will be the ~~me~~ of the Evangelist. I have written much more than I intended when I began. It seems to me well to introduce all the Mexican help into our work here in this Ter. that is possible practically to introduce. The young man I refer to for teacher is Andrew Mais, whose name was introduced into Presbytery.



He is young and I think would be greatly benefitted by teaching.

We are well. School is full, boarding house is full, successful operation.

Wife sends regards.

Yours truly,  
J. H. Roberts.

23 Centre st, N. Y.  
Nov. 10, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have your from Albuquerque of the 4th inst. I have seen Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Haines.

1. I have misgivings about sending Miss Verbeck to Zuni for a season. It would be so short a time. But she has had some experience (two years) teaching among the Indians. She might do first rate at Jemez. But Mrs. Haines has a Miss Wray from Pa. whom Mrs. Donaldson had expected to come among the Navajo if Mr. D. had lived, she gives her a first rate character for an assistant. Mrs. H. rather wants to send her to Jemez.
2. What about school at Hot Springs? Is that for Mexicans or Indians? And in either case what is to be done for a boarding place for a teacher? How would Miss Verbeck do there?
3. I have seen Miss Ross's note to you about a second teacher and yet she has 5 Mexican children out of a total of 21. Some of the American scholars want to study the higher branches. We are not giving high school advantages to American children. We sent her to the Mexican children and if she can't get more than a dozen or half, ought we to continue the school?
4. the same of the school of Socorro. By the way I note with pleasure what you say about Fulton's success, church etc. Now as to the parsonage I think I shall write him that we will favor him a little in the advance on salary and let him buy that property for himself. I think that is the best way and as property is rising he may make something out of it. As to his building at Socorro. Burnham says their Com. and Board both meet Monday next and no doubt they will grant \$600 on it.
5. As to Miss Fletcher, I think we will the issue of current events. What have you done about Mr. and Mrs. Perkins going to the Navajoes? Are they going? If so, what have you heard from Washington about employing him to complete the buildings there? Have you made any arrangements or have you left it to me? I have been anxiously waiting to hear more from you.
6. What a headlong piece of business that was in your Presbytery appointing four more teachers for Norton's field in South Colorado. I put an interdict on the whole thing as far as I could, nothing was said of their qualifications, no certificates were furnished and no description of their field or reasons why they should be sent.



When we get a little caught up on our work I will write Norton and tell him that no teachers are appointed till their support is secured or pledged. He is already too fast, though zeal and enterprise are among the best of qualities for a missionary.

I want you to bring those crutches to this office and have them left among the Indian relics.

Write me about these things if possible and soon. On account of Thanksgiving the following week our next Board meeting occurs next Wednesday.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Jemes, New Mexico.  
Nov. 12, 1880

Dear Doctor Jackson:

Your letter and postal came. In some ways I am sorry that Lora is to leave us but it is all right. She is just getting accustomed to things and only now ready to be a useful worker. It takes a good while for new hands to ever realize that they are missionaries. Send two by all means to this field and if you cannot get two right away, commission the first good sensible girl you can find for the springs and send one to Jemes as soon as possible.

Mrs Shields is an excellent teacher and for a little while we can do here. But you probably know or suspect why I could not go to the Assembly next year. So don't fail to send a teacher for Lora's place sometime this winter. I have baptized and received 5 Mexicans since you were here. But one went back to the Roman Catholics and I had to dismiss 3 to another church. We have great hopes of more coming soon. After one dying, 5 taking letters and one leaving and one ordained we still have 26 members in the Jemes church. Only send on your teacher for Mexicans. I have been telling the Board for sometime that we would soon need a teacher and I hope now it will come just when it is needed so badly. Mexicans have ever been besieging me to school their children and of the best families and if I could take children here all the priest on earth could not keep them away. I took a Roman Catholic boy into school lately and refused some of his nice little sisters because we could not take them. We know what a struggle we have had at Jemes and now that God has blessed his own work and a teacher is so badly needed. Will one be sent promptly? Let me say again and emphasize it a thousand times, send a teacher for Mexicans and supply Jemes as soon as you can. Please don't forget this and send one for Jemes first, but why not send two at once? Indians care but little for anything and the Mexicans are anxious for school. Some talk of moving to the springs and there is quite a



sensation about the school; how long shall we wait for the teacher? Have ordained another elder; the man I pointed out to you when you were here. I think I dismissed the man you want for the boarding school. He took his letter for self family to Cinecero, Colorado, Esteben Montoya, he is very intelligent and I think would take the place. He has one un married daughter at home, and as his wife is possibly a little old, I think his daughter who is a bright young lady would suit well to assist the Matron.

You will know who is minister of Cinecero now; write to him and to Esteben Montoya and you can know all about it and if you write say that I recommended him for the place, and I think you will get them and about their pay I dont know, but you should give them enough. This thing of Mexicans living on nothing is all a hoax, Mr Roberts to the contrary notwithstanding. having their house and board however, they would not need much. I hope you will get them.

Mr Montoya and his wife and daughter would be a nice addition to the church at Albuquerque, and he might do much among the Mexicans.

Have heard nothing from the agent about the B. school arrangement. Please write definitely when you want Leora to report for duty at Albuquerque, so we will know what to do.

And when you are picking help for this field, please ascertain what they are coming out for; whether it is for health or a nice trip, or whether they mean business and understand fully they are to be missionaries of the cross to help conquer this dark land for Jesus.

Write soon. When you investigate the James mail don't mention my name as making complaints. Just find out how the matter stands.

Kindest regards.

Yours truly,  
J. M. Shields.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.  
Nov 15, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

I am very anxious to hear from you, as you wrote me you were just out of tyhoid fever. Persons are so apt to have a repalse in that disease and they are often worse than at first, but I hope you are quite well by this time.

As the steamer changes time for the winter this trip it makes it a week later and the time seems very long to us. Tonight I feel very impatient for it to come. Today is the first sunshiny day we have had for sometime, but the weather keeps very moderate. We have a good many storms but no continual cold. Since I wrote you last Mary Jackson has died she had been sick for a good while and suffered a great deal so



much that it was a relief to see her at rest. Mr. and Mrs. Young have taken a great notion to open a boys school, or rather a boys home. I do not know what their plan is but between you and me I think I can see through it. Mr. Young is trying to get a place for his father's family out here, and I think the idea is to get the thing started and then if Government sends any help for schools they can go on right on and have charge of the work. Mr. Young told me he had a brother that wanted to come here, I suppose he and the sister could take charge. Of course this is all strictly confidential. How anxious we are for the missionary to come for Chilcat. We are afraid Mrs. Dickinson will get homesick and come down and that would be a very great pity now that she has made such a good beginning. The miners have all come down, most of them gone below. Whilst they were here there was quite a delegation come up to visit the Home. They were much pleased both with the house and the way the work was carried on both in the house and in the school. They listened to several recitations, the children then sang two or three pieces. The gentlemen expressed much gratification and surprise at the progress the children had made in so short a time. Two days after 4 of these gentlemen called again as a Committee, said they were all so delighted with the work that they wanted to do a little to help it on. After a neat little speech from Mr. Grant of Victoria he presented me with \$51.50 I have at last purchased our canoe. Although we had not quite enough money sent us to pay for it we decided to buy it at once. We succeeded in getting a good one, very wide so we feel it is perfectly safe. We call it "Colorado Bug." The readers of the R. M. Presbyterian will understand why we give it this name. We wish to express our thanks to all the dear friends who have helped us to buy our boat, it will be a great luxury to us.

I intend using one half of the money those gentlemen give us to build a boat house. This is very essential to protect our canoe. Our children all enjoy the boat so much, they are very proud of its being our own.

The school is doing nicely, the new school room is so comfortable and looks so nicely. I have forgotten one donation we had. We use the school room for prayer meeting and a young gentleman from Victoria, Mr. Balantian who had been up at the mines when here on his way down gave Mr. Young enough gold dust to buy lamps for the school room. So you see how the Lord is providing for our wants.

20th The steamer came in yesterday and first I must tell you how much I was disappointed in not receiving any money from the Board, they are behind six months in the expenses of the Home and I am awfully in debt, I do not know how I am to get along; but trust the Lord will help us out.

We are feel dreadfully disappointed about losing those men who were ready to come to Alaska. Mr. Young feels very badly, says he fears if no one is sent before spring that



we will lose Chilcat and probably Hydah.

About the canoe money Mrs. Boyd wrote me last month that she had paid the \$18 to the Board. I wrote at once asking the Board to send it to me at once; but they have not done so.

I regret exceedingly this trouble between the two ladies societies. I fear I am beginning to feel already the hard times you refer to.

Dr. and Mrs. Corlies are rejoicing over the birth of a little daughter. She came to them last Wednesday, mother and daughter are doing well.

Love to all your family. We are glad to hear from Mrs. Jackson once more.

Yours truly,  
A. R. McFarland.

The Manse, Otterra, Can.  
Nov. 16, 1880

My Dear Sir:

According to your desire I send you herewith a copy of "Mountain and Prairie" and shall be happy to receive a copy of your "Alaska."

I'd be interested and obliged if you could furnish me with any particulars of the duties of the office which I see you hold as Superintendent of Missions for the Presbyterian church in several of the western states. It is probable that one or more such Superintendents may be appointed in our North West and any accounts of your experience in the conduct of affairs, especially any indications of the most successful method for church organization and extension in the new and thinly peopled territories will be helpful to us. I presume you must have some such details and information in print in copies of your paper. Without wishing to put you to any special trouble in the matter I trust you may be able to oblige me.

Yours most faithfully,  
Daniel M. Gordon.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Galesburg, Ills.

Conejos, Col.  
Nov. 16, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours were received last week and I am very much disappointed indeed. I wanted your judgement in certain matters. But I had written you some days before and have so defined an answer to your request.

As to the schools here at Cenicero and at San Rafael there can be no question what ever. Last winter they had in



this school 40 pupils. Mrs. M. has now 17 enrolled and I hope there will be at least 25 or 30. at San Rafael where Miss Smit has been teaching. There will be we hope and have reason to believe more. The only new school I have thought best to suggest is La Jara. As to that, I wanted your judgment. It will not be large. There will be ten or twelve certain children of the Brethren. Jacobs and I visited some families within 2 miles and if they do as they said, there will be 6 or 10 more.

They have offered rooms and board and as I have explained in the letter, already sent. Mrs. M. and Miss Kiple have just exchanged places. The School then will cost only the balance \$3,00. What Miss Kiple's board does not amount to, Mrs. M. will make up. The work has actually demanded my presence even though at a disadvantage financially.

Misses Kipp and Higgins wrote me they were waiting at Parkville & had received your half fare rates. It seemed a shame to keep them waiting and feeling assured that when Dr. K. has received my letter, all would be right. I telegraphed Sat. eve for them to come on. If he cannot depend on me so far as the arrangements for one new school, then he had better get some one else to come to this field. The people need a native ministry here and for this reason, a school for the children of the brethren is the necessary thing. The school only as introductory to the church is well perhaps among Americans, but here in my humble opinion, it will not do.

I hope I have not been too fast.

Miss Conaway told me she felt assured it would be well and advised me to telegraph. I hope the Board of Pub. will be ready to let Bro. J. know soon as to his case. I wrote again this morning as to the matter. He has a family to support and must know soon or take work of some other kind.

What is your opinion as to the matters here. The wheels seem to be somewhat clogged because the people understand Bro Darley to promise that after a certain time the school would be free- a most extraordinary thing. Instead of becoming self supporting, they are thus to become more dependent. To reach the poor I have already put the price at 50cts per month- not because of that arrangement of Darley's, but because I think it best, and yet some will not send because they think it ought to be free.

There is no doubt I think we would have more if it was free, but it would be harder on the Board. But our aim is to reach all we can and it might be well to make it free. What say you? Only a part of last year's tuition was collected, and much more was eaten up in the exorbitant price. Bro. D. promised to them for work on the Building, \$2.00 per day- which was to be paid in tuition. Some of it is not paid in full even yet. But we must be honest with them and do what is promised.

What say you? What course shall I take? Please write me at once. Perhaps it would be well to make the support of the school voluntary. Give your advice or decision.

This is a most solitary life I assure you. I pity my



poor wife. She is at times very homesick, though her school keeps her mind engaged now and we hope the Master will so fill us with His love we shall need nothing more. Mrs. M. did not intend to teach for this first year or so as I wrote you but for her comfort of mind she has undertaken it. Bro. Shettler has written me Mrs. Graham has not been able to send them a teacher at San Luis. I know not what to do Dr. K. is holding me back even in what I have already done.

Yours fraternally,  
W. W. Morton.

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Moqui, A. T.,  
Nov. 16, 1880.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your letter was received by last mail. Am glad to hear from you. Only wish you could have come through and seen us. "Misery loves company" you know. Now what I write concerning our new agent and our reception here I desire to be strictly confidential. I think you will wish to know my impressions of the Agent &c. I shall also write to Dr. Kendall, when I get time. Our reception by Mr. Sullivan was decidedly cool. He had written to Capt. Bennett to have us stop at Defiance and winter in Mr. Keam's house, but I was thankful we did not get the word. My brother got here the day before we arrived, and Mr. S. had him clean out the house that the Indians have been occupying for a few years, and which the more cleanly Indians have long since pronounced too dirty and thickly inhabited for them to sleep in it. He assured me at once that there was not a room in the agency building that we could have, that he had not near enough room for himself. I took it all kindly and told him that we could occupy our wagon until we could build and that I should not think of taking my family into the Indian camp house. Thanks to the promptness of the ladies who had sent the \$200. for us to use in building, I was ready to make a start at once. Mr. S. said we could take our meals with him, so we occupied our wagon at night and stopped in the house by day. We arrived on Tuesday afternoon; and had a hard time getting out poles for the building on Thursday morning and two Indians digging for the foundation on Saturday and 15 at work on the following Monday and we expected to be occupying the house in another week, just four weeks from our arrival. Pretty fast work I think for a country where there are so few conveniences, and considering too that it is to be plastered with two heavy coats and white wash on top. The second coat is about one half on already. Well when Mr. S. saw that we were not greatly disconcerted, but that we were ready for any kind of life and that we were independent of the agency building, he gradually came round, offered to employ the Indians and at length



concluded that it is his place to pay for the building entire, and I guess he is right according to the contract. We remained in the wagon for about two and one half weeks when it turned quite cold. My wife caught cold and was laid up for one day and almost for several days; then Mr. Sullivan put up a bed in the kitchen and insisted that we should sleep there until our house was ready for us. He apologized for not thinking of this before; he is doing all he can for us now and I guess we shall get on nicely together. I think Merritt has talked against us here, and had prejudiced him against us. However I do not think he is a suitable man for an Indian agent, he is too old, lacks patience and decision in action, is exceedingly polite and took this post simply as a feeler for a better position, or to see whether he can find an opening in a mining region. I account for his change toward us in that he found I was popular with Williams at Pueblo of Colorado and with Keams and Stephen here. Now I may not be charitable enough but Mr. Sullivan is not my style of a gentleman, and certainly not for an agent to the Indians, and you know I am writing only for your own eyes to read. I am thankful to say that I have the good wishes of the traders here and on the way. Mr. Williams came through with us, and Mr. Keams offered us his own bed and room but we could not feel it right to occupy it and as things have turned out it is better as it is. Billy Keams died at Wingate a few days after our arrival here. We cannot build our permanent house before spring on account of cold weather. The ground is covered lightly with snow tonight. I think we shall be able to have a little school this winter though nothing can be done toward the building. Difficulties meet me on every hand but I delight in overcoming them so I deserve no credit for doing so, and if the church stands by us in future as thus far I know that a glorious victory is before us. I have met one of the sons of a Moqui chief who can talk a little English and pretty fair Spanish and he is anxious to learn more, and I think we shall prevail on him to come down and bring his children and some others and study this winter.

My wife's sewing machine is quite an attraction, and the Indians would keep her busy much of the time, and she might do some valuable work both among the Navajoes and Moquis by teaching them to sew, and thereby reaching them further if she could devote more of her time to it. She would willingly employ a trusty Indian to do her principal work and engage in teaching if she were appointed teacher, and by paying good wages she could get a good Indian. It is my opinion that the Board had better appoint her at once and we will begin work together at the language, and at teaching too. I see that the contract calls for not less than two teachers. If Mr. Sullivan should not remain her I will let you know, and I hope to have the privilege of nominating a man of my own choice. After seeing the duties of our agent, and the nec-



essary qualifications I am not at all prepared to nominate my brother, as I can see that he is not fully qualified for the position, and much as I love to have my own friends about me I could not sacrifice the interest of this people for my own gratification nor for that of my best friend. I shall therefore be prepared to make an other nomination. I should like nothing better than to have full charge of the Moquis both as agent and missionary, but I presume that this cannot be accomplished. The agent has every opportunity to reach the people, and to do them good as well as evil. I think that Mr. Sullivan will do much toward spoiling the Moquis in his anxiety to be popular among them. I see that it is best to be firm and decided and yet kind and gentle. I hope by the grace of God to be able to do a glorious work among this dark people, and I am grateful for your prayers. I shall write a full account of our journey here as soon as we are settled, and shall write a history of our work from time to time, and will gladly give you bits of history of the Moquis as soon as I get them accurately.

I shall greatly need a hectograph for copying letters. If anyone can send me one I will send him (or a S. S. ) a letter each quarter for a year and the same offer to those who will send me a good monthly (Harper or other) or a good weekly paper religious or secular. You may make a call in your paper if you please for spec. cotton as the Indians bring goods to have my wife make pants, shirts, and dresses, and bring no thread, and we shall soon be out if we have it to furnish. I have been busy all the time since I arrived, and shall be until the house is finished, at manual labor. Made the door of old boxes that I gathered up about the agency. Will send you a description of our journey as soon as I can and afterwards of our house.

There is to be a big Navajo dance tomorrow night in this canon and I think I shall attend if you will not report me to the Presbytery for attending a ball. I become more and more enthusiastic over the work as I pick up a few words and find some of them so ready to impart their language and eager to get the Americans of the same. Really my heart is fully in the work before I am at it.

And now I must close hoping to hear from you soon.

With much love from self and wife, regards of Mr. Sullivan, I remain

Your brother,  
C. A. Taylor.

Santa Fe, N. M.  
Nov. 16, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Sir:



In answer to your inquiry regarding my bill against the Ladies Board of Home Missions. I will state that in August 1875 I was employed by Rev. G. G. Smith the pastor in charge of their affairs here to search the records of this county and make an abstract and copies of the title and title papers of the mission property here. This I did all at a cost and outlay of \$40 the bill continued unsettled for sometime; I think about one year. When Rev. Smith requested of me a voucher for the amount to forward the Ladies Board stating that upon its receipt and approval the money would be paid me; in Oct. 1877 Mr. Smith called and said that as the Board was not disposed to pay my bill he would and thereupon did so, by giving a note for the amount adding interest un-  
 arily, and in April 1879 he paid me \$15 and the balance re-  
 mains unpaid. I herewith inclose his note which please keep or return me as your best judgement may desire.

Very respectfully,  
 C. C. Gildersleeve.

Santa Fe, N. M.  
 Nov. 17, 1880

Dear Brother:

I write to say that the church here gave Mr. McGaughey a call, so I presume that settles the matter of change with us. We are willing to go to Defiance but money is no consideration. We must make many sacrifices. We are willing to let Miss Fletcher go to Albuquerque. We think she is a splendid woman, but not many qualities of matron does she possess. The money that you would pay her, would employ two women and one man, she has not much idea of getting work from children, it is possible to be too easy. We like Miss Fletcher very much, but we cannot see how you think her services worth more than \$25 per month. We must economize in many ways and I am not willing to pay more than anything is worth \$50 ought to employ two American women or three Mexican people. There are many people wanting employment in this country. A matron must have executive ability, her head must work as well as her hands. I have Nellie Cary's report from Carlisle it is no one.

Write when you expect to be here. We must be enabled by that time to extend the hospitality of the family.

Sincerely,  
 Mrs. J. D. Perkins.

Santa Fe, N. M.  
 Nov. 18, 1880



Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Brother:

We wrote you yesterday sending our letter to N. Y. City. Forgot to inform you that through Mr. Carson former teacher at Isleta and Barlesto Sucero and Leonardo Jofia, two reliable Indians from Islets and father of the Indian boys with us, that about the 1st of Nov. 1878 the brothers secured from Islets 7 boys and one girl making 8. They also secured other children from Taos, San Juan, Chochite and James making in all about 18. The brothers kept their children from about the 1st of Nov. 1878 to the end of the school year which was Aug. 1879. We have the names of the 8 from Islets and shall be able to get the names of all when some of the Indians from the other places come to Santa Fe.

Respectfully,

J. D. Perkins.

Rochester, Minn.

Nov. 16, 1880

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Bro:

I have accepted an invitation to labor as missionary at large for the Presbytery of San Jose, Cal. The salary will be meagre and the work hard. But I hear the Lord's voice in the call which has come unexpected and un solicited. I shall now be engaged wholly in H. M. work having a long range along the coast. I write to you to ask the great favor of your help in the way of reduced transportation, that is fare merely in our journey out. Can you help us? Wife will accompany me and doubtless will do as much with her sweet voice as I will in my way. We want to do something in the way of reviving the dying cause of Home Missions along the Pacific coast. Please send me reduced fare if you can as I am in straitened circumstances and the full fare will tax my resource beyond my power to respond. We will enter upon our work in a couple of weeks or so, if we can get away.

Yours in Christ,

H. A. Newell.

Missoula, M. T.

Nov. 18, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Friend:

Your postal of Nov. 4th came to hand a few days ago. I was very glad to hear from you again. In regard to the buggy, you will remember that I have to ford a good many deep streams sometimes mid sides to my horses, so need a buggy pretty well



up in the world. The freight too is high and the wear severe as I have 200 miles per month driving to fill my appointments. Then twice a year a long trip to the Presbytery, so need a good buggy.

I am glad you secured a minister for Miles City for it was needed. Henning has left Deer Lodge and Smith gone from Helena so again we are weak in forces. We do not propose to accept McMillan for a Supt. in Montana. I do not know yet what we shall do. In regard to action of Presbytery last Feb. Geo. G. Smith and Russell joined together hand in glove against you. I spoke in your defence but they managed to get a majority and pass the paper which Smith and Russell wrote between them then so managed affairs as to pass it as it was. Several things I objected to but without avail. I have since been sorry that I allowed my name to appear on the report. But the pressure brought to bear was such that I could not well help it. R. has fought you and always both in public and private hence the feeling that is strongly against you in this Terr. I think there will be a strong reversion one of these days. Smith took great responsibility upon himself. Hewitt and I alone stood together for you and held the upper hand as long as he stayed in the Terr. You have lost a supporter here in his removal from the Terr. I wish he could come back to us.

I would like very much to see you and have a long talk with you about the work here. It is as you say a drag now and will be until we again have some one to help us.

Write me when you can.

Kindest regards to Mrs. J. and the girls.

Yours truly,

M. L. Cook.

November, 19, 1880.

23 Centre st, N. Y.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I telegraphed you at Galesburg last Tuesday evening but lest you did not get it I write you saying that the school Com. and part of the new Com. on H. M. Periodical will be here Monday P. M. next, you need to be here as early as Monday noon.

Your truly,

H. Kendall.

Treasury Department

Office of the Secretary  
Washington, D. D.

Nov. 19, 1880



Collector of Customs,  
Sitka, Alaska.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th of August 1880, stating that the Presbyterian Board of Missions, contemplate making an effort to purchase the old marine hospital building belonging to the United States at your port, with a view to fitting it up for an Industrial and Missionary school and recommending that if such an offer is made it be accepted for the reason that the building and grounds are no longer of use to the Government, and that the building is in a dilapidated condition and will become almost useless in a few months unless repaired.

In reply your attention is called to Department's letter of the 11th ult. in which you are informed that the Department would prefer that the Government buildings in your district not required for Government purposes be leased with the understanding that the lessee shall make such repairs to them as may be necessary to place and keep them in tenable condition, the repairs to be determined by you, and the amount of rental under lease to be a specified sum less the actual cost of such repairs as may have been made under your orders. As none of the property referred to can be sold without specific authority of Congress the Department will be compelled to reject any proposition for purchase made by the Board of Missions.

Very respectfully,  
H. F. French,  
Assistant Secretary.

Sitka, Alaska.  
Nov. 20, 1880

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your letter and papers received. The papers are beginning to come in quite rapidly now and with them come encouraging letters from unknown friends who are interested in the work. We also received answers to several letters that I addressed to individuals of my acquaintance making the same appeal for fruit for our proposed Christmas tree, that you were kind enough to put in the B. M. P. These answers have encouraged us to hope for something at least. I do hope we may receive a good many articles of clothing. Some of the destitute little children would undoubtedly be made glad in this way. A few Sabbath ago there was several inches of snow on the ground and a little girl perhaps eight or nine years old brought her sister who was much smaller to church. They were both barefooted and the principal article of clothing for each was a little blanket. The older would carry the younger until she was tired and then would let her down and



she would stand in the snow crying until the older one would rest. I think the majority of the children and a considerable number of the grown persons go barefooted all the time. I often feel very much discouraged. It just seems as though one was pulling against a strong current, and at the same time the current was bearing him backward all the time. The encouragement I receive is not much I tell you truly, but I did not expect very much but hoped for some from some sources that as yet have produced very little.

I have no reason to hope for the organization of a church soon. Some reasons for my thinking so I shall not mention particularly. The gold fever is just now raging and as many have given themselves soul and body for gold many are ever ready to do the same. I hope the Government may do something to further the educational interest in Alaska. I think that we can only hope for any permanent results from our labors with the young persons and they should as far as possible be separated from the influence of the Indian town. Not long ago five of the most hopeful of the boys asked me if they could not stay in some part of the hospitable building when we hold church and school. They said there was so much drinking in the "ranch". If they could only be separated and their whole course of development under special direction they might be made to accomplish something and also to be something. Hope you may succeed in getting up an industrial school. If there are any more teachers or a teacher to be appointed for the industrial school or any other here I should like to see Mr. Austin in the place. I have not consulted anything with him about this but am satisfied that he would accept a position as teacher. And I will say that in my opinion it would be well if he were manager of the school.

I had a piece partially written for the R. M. P. this mail but will not have time to copy and complete it. Mrs. L. has been unwell a good deal of the time and is just now feeling so sick that she had to quit writing.

As usual we are hurried while the steamer is in and I will bid you adieu for the present.

Your fellow laborer,  
G. W. Lyons.

Washington, D. C.  
Nov. 20, 1880

Hon. Carl Schurz,  
Secretary of the Interior,  
Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation at former interviews concerning Navajo Affairs permit me to urge upon you the necessity and desirableness of a speedy settlement of the question of a Navajo agent.

I have no complaint to make of Capt. Bennett the Acting



agent. He has treated us well in our school operations. However he understands (and the Indians also) that his appointment is only temporary and it is not in the nature of the case that he should inaugurate or push forward such measures as may promise good. He cannot under the circumstances be expected to do more than attend to the necessary routine duties and leave all else for the permanent agent, that is to follow him.

The agency carpenter has left and all operations towards the erection of the school building ordered by the Government are suspended.

From letters received from Mr. Thomas V. Keuss and other sources I judge that intoxicating liquors continue to be sold to and used by the Indians freely and is the necessary cause of more or less lawlessness and a constant menace to the peace of that powerful tribe. Only an agent who expects to remain long enough to carry out his own measures will inaugurate them or take special interest in them. This large tribe has been kept unsettled and in suspense since last June. Which unsettled condition has given occasion to Utes, Apaches and Mormons to tamper with them to increase the growing restlessness. The continued well being of the tribe, their progress in civilization, and the success of the school all require a early appointment of a permanent agent.

Respectfully your obedient servant,  
Sheldon Jackson.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.  
Nov. 22, 1890

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Brother:

I enclose my report to the Board. Please read and forward. I was disappointed at not receiving any word from you by this mail.

Can't you do something for our boys. Their need and danger is as great as that of the girls. They could be helped as effectually with half the outlay. This farm scheme is not visionary for it simply business. The chance seems providential. It would be a saving to our outlay always. We could keep 50 head of cattle there without more work than the labor of one or two more. It is already. Got Mrs. G's letter to Mrs. Haines she (Mrs. G.) is ready to devote herself to this work of saving the boys.

I have sent 34 pages of a report on my northern trip to the Board.

What about the saw mill for the Hydahs? Merely as a business investment it would be a good move. That is the best yellow cedar region on the archipelago and there is always a great demand for this rare lumber. The N. W. T. will take all that we can saw at a good price, sending it below by sea



coner. There is a good water power near every available site for our projected new mission town. A simple water power mill with upright saw would answer the purpose and the Indians could run it. I will push it through if the funds are provided. I have not been able to ascertain definitely the cost; have sent to Portland but received no answer yet.

I regret most deeply the delay in sending missionaries, can't something be done? I don't want that all my explorations should go for nothing and this grand field be lost.

Mrs. Y. sends regards with myself to Mrs. J. and you.

In brotherly love,  
S. Hall Young.

Shakespeare City, New Mexico.  
Nov. 22, 1880

Dear Bro:

I find at Shakespeare some ten or more christian people. I preached for them twice yesterday. We could easily organize a church at this point. I think we ought to have some minister stationed at Silver City. Give him Silver City, Georgetown and Shakespeare it would make a good charge.

Expect to return to Messilla the last of the week.

Your brother,  
Thomas Thompson.

Las Vegas, New Mexico.  
Nov. 23, 1880

Dear Bro:

I failed to find a suitable man and wife at Agua Negra willing to go to Albuquerque. They though poor have large ideas of reward, when it comes to employment. Bro. Roberts thinks he has the man, in a son of Bro. Maes of Ocate.

My visit was very satisfactory. Three added to the church two infants baptized, Sacrement of the Lord's Supper administered, Sunday School organized into classes with good teachers, the schools started, papers of application to erection Board made out, deed secured to the church for its lot, and a marriage performed.

Your brother,  
J. C. Eastman.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.  
Nov. 23, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.



My dear brother:

Your letter to Mrs. Young was received and read with pleasure. I was sorry to, hear through Mrs. McFarland of your accident. I can sympathize with you for I had a fall a week ago dislocating a shoulder and severely spraining my back. I have not been able to walk since, therefore my wife writes this letter at my dictation.

Has the Board acted upon the petition sent in by the missionaries at Sitka during my absence at Chilcat country? I would be more than satisfied to have this field placed in your charge and both my wife and myself have previously written you the reasons why I have not made the same petition. While I would prefer that the point be gained without such action by me. I am willing to take the action if it can't be gained otherwise. You yourself must see that it is not best both for me and the work that I should be alienated from my own Presbytery, from my wife's uncle and from many other ministers on this coast. It is no want of appreciation of you, but a sincere regard to do what was best for this great field, that has prompted my action, and should I take such action as you request I should sincerely desire that it be kept secret in the Board. We have much to contend with just now in the mission, many whites here are openly giving the Indians an unlimited amount of whiskey. We have not a shadow of civil authority or restraint upon vice. The Home is the only part of your work that does not materially suffer.

The Roman Catholic priest has just come from a two months absence at Victoria, bringing with him a church bell. We need one very much for our church, it is indispensable. If it were not for the tide of wickedness here which so continually distracts our work causing so many to fall I could raise the money here among the Indians. But I am unable to make the demands upon them till we have Government here. Can you not raise us a bell we need it immediately. The last work is done on the Home and the carpenter discharged. I was prevented by accident from preparing a complete itemized account for the Board. The cost of the building has so far exceeded the estimates that there is not money in the Board to pay the debt. I am distressed and hampered by these debts, and have advanced more from my own salary than I am able to spare. I have not exceeded my instructions from the Board. Much of the added expense is due to the fact that the Board informed Mrs. McF. that her wishes were to be carried out in the internal arrangements and finishing of the house. And I was instructed to consult her in everything. She has insisted upon having everything finished well, made most convenient and complete. If left to my own judgement under the circumstances I should have stopped short some fifteen hundred dollars of the present expense. But I was unable to control the matter and I had the promise from Dr. Kendall that the Board would see me through. As it is we have a fine house well finished, very comfortable and convenient.



There is nothing extravagant about it. It is no better than the noble institution deserves. I do not wish to be understood as blaming Mrs McF. she has asked for nothing more than a lady of her taste would deem necessary. But the continual over-reaching of estimates, caused me great embarrassment.

I have not heard from the Board for two months. Money promised by them long ago for the rent of the old building, and for the completion of the new, has not been forthcoming. I have been compelled to borrow money, giving no personal note at large interest to satisfy their creditors. I am in pressing need of a thousand dollars to-day. Can you give me any help? Lot, and is our most reliable helper, has lately fallen into the same confidence by the death of his uncle old Shostak. He wishes to send a message to you. He has no content against the heathenism of his relatives who wished to burn Shostak's body, sacrifice goods and erect a pole in his name. But Lot, by our help, has prevailed and sends to Portland by this boat for a fine headstone of marble. He also assisted in procuring a stone for Towitt, and putting down the old customs. He thinks that a word of approval from you would do much towards convincing his relatives that he has taken the right course. If you have time to write him a letter it will help him. If you should suggest that he be the one to succeed to Shostak's name, it would help him also. He was really for a long while, and gained quite a victory for Christianity. Thank Mrs Jackson and your daughters for their kind remembrance.

My wife joins in wishing you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours in the Work.

S. Hall Young.

Cheyenne, W.T.

Nov. 24th? 1890.

Dear Bro:

I have been to Laramie, and the entire people wish me to stay there. But Bro McG. has not decided the question of going to Santa Fe, so I would not stay there but come down here to wait. Shall visit Idaho City on Sunday.

When McGaughey decides, I may go there but not before if west. My brother did not remit me enough to pay my expenses and remit X to you. Will the next time he sends.

Yours,  
E.J. Boyd.

Laramie City, W.T.



Nov. 23, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Bro:

The church at S. F. invited me to take charge of it. We think the Board will do what is right and hence have decided to go there. Please write them (the Board) to put things in right shape at Santa Fe.

I will telegraph you to-night for passes on the A.T. & S.F. and D & R.G. roads. I think we can have first class passes on the former at least. I telegraph Dr. Thomas also to ask for same to make it sure. We expect to go as soon as our passes arrive. Mrs McGaughey sends kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

J. McGaughey.

Irwin, Col.

Nov. 24th, 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.  
My Dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th is just at hand. In answer, I will state that I have at length signified my willingness to accept the call to Poncha and Salida. I did so for the following reasons: 1st the call was unanimous and quite urgent. It was represented to me that the field would be vacant, that the work there, was passing through a crisis upon which depended in large measure the success of Presbyterianism through the whole Ash Valley, and that the new man whom all could unite would find a most pressing and important work ready to his hand.

2nd. In my present financial condition the removal to so distant a field as N.M., would be extremely inconvenient and embarrassing. You know that while Pres. voted an increase of my salary, yet up to the present time, I have only been receiving at the rate of \$1000., which has been hardly adequate to the expense of such a field as this, so that I have been obliged to draw in other resources to my salary.

Of course after building a house of my own and settling down, it would be different, but I have been forced to lead the comfortless and expensive life of lodging-house and restaurant ever since I came into Georgia. All this rendered the question of a removal a very serious one.

Moreover the fact that the Poncha application met with such warm approval on the part of the Committee had its weight with me. All these considerations seemed to me to indicate a leading of Providence in the direction of the work at P. As to my wife's health, she gets on tolerably well so long as she goes no higher than P., but an attempt to ascend to an altitude of 5000 ft a week or two since, was attended with



most distressing and portentous symptoms that Mr Walker hurried her back down to W.P. where she was sick for several days. This determined me never to try to bring her over here or any higher than P.

But a difficulty now presents itself: the Poncha people are very urgent in their demand that I begin work there Dec. 10th and the Committee second them. Dr. Kirkwood has written to know if I cannot be in P. by that date. On the other hand, I am extremely reluctant to leave Irwin without a successor. Any man of ordinary sense could take hold here and carry on this work easily, but I can't bear the thought of leaving the church vacant. Still Poncha will be vacant from the 10th prox. as Father Hamilton is absent and moreover is threatened with blindness, from catarrh, so that I seem to be between two fires.

Then of course my forced separation from my wife, her uncomfortable situation alone in a boarding house; with the double expense of hotel bills in both places adds to my problem.

However, I shall not leave Irwin until I hear from you and Dr. Kendall, and I now put in a pressing plea for a man to take my place here and at Gunnison. I declare to you Dr. that I am ashamed now to look the Gunnison people in the face, so constantly have I been obliged to waive their persistent demands for a minister. I see no reason why a man of average constitution and pluck should not come out here at once.

We have a good deal of snow but otherwise the winter is strikingly like an eastern one up here in this gulch.

Bro. Fraser writes me he has declined your call on the score of health. I deeply regret this as he is a number one man. I could tell you where to put finger on another man who in some respects is admirably fitted for Western work. In fact he and Fraser are the only ones out of a class of 15 who in my estimation are so fitted. This man is a nephew of Rev. M.M. Houston of the 2nd church, Memphis. He is a full graduate of Arkansas college and Columbia Seminary at the latter place, where I knew him and stood high in the confidence and esteem of faculty and students. He has an iron constitution and could knock down and drag out Mormons, Utes or whatnot. Moreover, he has a sympathy with and attraction for the common people which none of the rest of us possess. The most uncompromising Calvinistic, he is withal an earnest worker and if I were called upon to name a man for rough heavy work, and plenty of it, I should say, J.L.D. Houston. His experience in the wilds of Ark has thoroughly familiarized him with a class of men than whom the West cannot show any fiercer or more bloody, and he has the common sense and nerve to handle them. I don't recall more than one serious drawback to Mr H.'s usefulness and that only holds in the case of a Pres. preacher; with the Methodists it would not amount to anything. He has a good kind heart and plenty of right feeling, but is somewhat uncouth in manner and ungrammatical in speech. Moreover he is diffident to a fault and had trouble all through Sen. on that account. But his man-



ner earnest . I used to think that on account of the tie that in spite of his drawbacks, always seemed to exist between him and the common people he was bound to come out alright eventually. He never evinced any special brilliancy in classical studies, but has a head which if there be anything whatever in phrenology, indicates a mental power that ought to tell some day. The students commented on the unusual size and configuration of his head, when he entered the sem. ; it is due him however to state that his Seminary course was broken in upon. He left his books and all his prospects to look after the support of a thankless step-mother and his little brothers and sisters. The late Dr. Bloomer could have borne honorable testimony to Mr H.'s self sacrifice in that matter and Dr Woodrow would do so now I doubt not. If you should care to communicate with him, a letter addressed to Rev J.L.D. Houston, Batesville Arkansas, with direction to forward, would reach him. He is a Missionary in the Ozark Mts, but his folks live in Batesville I will write a "feeler" to him. He once told me that he had a great desire to come further West. But at any rate, send a man.

Remember me cordially to your household.

Most faithfully yours,

Chas. M. Shepard.

Concordia, Kansas.

Nov. 24, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Galesburg, Ills.

My dear christian brother:

Your telegram notifying me of my appointment as Prior of Pueblo school, N. M. was received this A. M. It makes me weep to think of the great responsibility I have assumed: but with God's help I hope to be able to do something to elevate those poor children to a higher life.

I fear that business will keep me here till the early part of January. But I assure you that no unnecessary delay will detain me. And I will reach Albuquerque as early as Jan. 15th even though I should be compelled to sacrifice several hundred dollars to do it. We find that it will be next to an impossibility to invoice our stock of goods before the holidays.

Your most obedient servant,

J. S. Shearer.

Corrales, N. M.

Nov. 25th, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.



Dear Brother:

Many thanks. Yours of the 15th inst is come to hand. I can only write to you a few lines in acknowledgment of your note and of the bundle you sent me from Santa Fe. They will be useful especially the overcoat.

If you happen to go to New York I would like to ask you to call at the Tribune Office. I think if you would urge them a little they would send me the Encyclopaedia which has been paid for since last spring and they have been delaying me until they have notified me that I will have to wait till next year. I need these books greatly in preparing my sermons.

Mrs. P. gave birth to a baby girl on the 18th inst. I have not gone any farther than Placitas, Bernalillo, Albuquerque since I saw you last. I have preached here twice every Sabbath. Attendance from 18 to 25. Last Sabbath I had 50. Miss Smith has 21 in the school. Two men came from Peralta to invite me to preach there. They want a Presbyterian minister there. They cannot agree with the Methodists in their doctrine of . They say that 20 members are ready to be organized into a Presbyterian church. I told them I would go to preach but could not encourage them before I took advise. Several of them were members of our church of Las Vegas. The Methodist took Circulita from us and cut us off from our work at the Canadian river and Chery valley by establishing themselves at Tipton Ville. They took our members at Vegas by organizing there. From our preachers they have taken Maccleroy, Gale and Gallegos. What would advise in this matter? We have been lately turned out of the schoolroom we were occupying; but a neighbor offered us another room at once. So we are not discouraged. We lean upon an Almighty Arm and despair of our own strength. It is the Lord's own work not ours and we still hope to see great good accomplished. We are in the very strong hold of Romanism in this country; but whenever a break is made in their ranks it will be but the beginning of the end and I cannot doubt but we will see the power of the Word of God manifested.

Give my kindest regards to your mother and family. May the Lord abundantly bless them for present kindnesses. By them we were greatly encouraged and refreshed when in a state of despondency. Try to send me the books you set down in your memorandum.

Your brother in Christ,  
Jose Ynes Perea.

Nov. 25th, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

We are greatly obliged to you for your kind and prompt compliance with my request for something about the Fultons.



I think it will be very helpful. Mrs. Walsh also has received another long letter from Mr. Fulton, and we are pleased with his manly tone. He says he should like particularly some friendly help about the money he has spent on the church, the \$315. Now our special charge in the first place is Mrs. Fulton's salary. Most of our societies have already some pledged object, and we are trying to take this new work up extra. Mrs. Graham advises our first securing the salary, and I think we can; but am not so sure about the additional \$315. Cannot this be repaid to him by the Board of Church Erection? And should he not apply for it there, or his session? I hope you will not think it a trouble to answer this question.

With sincere regard,

Very truly,

A. L. Niven.

C/o Rev. Thornton M. Niven, Jr.  
Robb's Ferry, N. Y.

Socorro, New Mexico,  
Nov. 25th, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother;-

Your truly kind and timely letter of 15th only reached me last night, and then by was by mistake of postmaster, put in Rev. Thos. Harwood's box and his girl signed the receipt for it. But when Mrs. Harwood saw the direction of the letter she sent it to me. I will leave the church deeds to you as trustee etc., so you can execute the required atg. to church erection board for the school \$615. I am to get the deed tomorrow or as soon as we can measure the exact size of the lot etc. I hope I may get the \$315 advanced to me before long. This getting the church as our own will greatly aid our work here. I had a very important matter to lay before you but as I suppose I will reach you in New York, and further as it was a matter I wanted Dr. Kendal's advice on. I wrote to you and enclosed in a letter to Dr. Kendal with your letter open. The matter is our receiving and putting Judge Shorr to work. If you do not get the New York letter this will bring the matter before your mind and you can be thinking of it. The judge is an educated and accomplished gentleman and is uneasy out of the ministry I own, certain at least fully believe we can get him to take work under our Home Board, or to go to old Mexico under the foreign board. There are other matters of importance in my letter to you sent in care of Dr. Kendall but as I think you may get that I will not repeat. What about the Indian college? Did you go to see my friend C. A. Read near Quincy, Illinois? or Henry Read ?



Write when anything occurs of interest.  
 Yours truly and fraternally,  
 S. D. Fulton.

Washington, D. C.  
 Nov. 26, 1880

J. Polhemus, Esq.  
 Ass't Supt. Steamers,  
 Colorado River,  
 Yuma, Ariz.

My dear Sir:

This will introduce to you the Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D. who is Supt. of the Home Mission work of the Presbyterian church in the Territories and Pacific states.

He is doing a noble and self denying work of vast importance, and is a most worthy, christian gentleman.

Any aid you can render him, either in facilities for travel or otherwise, will be worthily bestowed and heartily appreciated.

I therefore take much pleasure in commending him to your kind offices.

Very truly yours,

J. S. French,

Chief clerk.

Act'ng 2nd Ass't P.M. Gen'l.

131 Second st. Troy, N.Y.  
 Nov. 27th 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.  
 Galesburg Ill.

Dear Brother:

I would be very glad to avail myself of the privilege to meet you at the appointed time (Dec. 14th) in Kansas City to continue my journey under your protection, and especially to be guided and counselled about my new field of labor at James Hot Springs, New Mexico. I regret it exceedingly that present circumstances do not allow me to do so, but after conference with the ladies of our church mission soc. I feel it my duty to abide by a former decision to remain here at least through December as no provision has been made yet to fill my place here. However I will arrange it so as to be ready to start some time in January perhaps by the middle of the month. Thankfully I will receive all information you will deem necessary to extend to me, as regards the work, prospects, journey, or abiding place at Hot Springs. As yet I have been totally left in the dark about the field assigned to me; is there not any school yet at Hot Springs? Am I expected to



labor among Indians or Mexicans? I am full of zeal and courage and rejoice over my goodly portion, I feel that our Father's protecting Arm is nearer and is round about me, when doing His Will and trying to make known His Love. He will not leave me nor forsake me, while I trust and work for Him.

Perhaps if you think it necessary you may commend me to some friends of our board either at Kansas City or James.

Yours in the best of bonds,  
Salome Verbeck.

23 Centre st, New York.  
Nov. 29, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

The pen came back about half an hour after I had bought a new one.

I enclose a letter from Fulton. I don't think we had better decide to take that man till we find out if we will join Presbytery. The brethren in Texas say the worst thing about Fulton is that he is all the time "reking in" outsiders Southern church etc. I think you had better read this over and when you go down again find out about the man's character standing etc. We don't want him however well he can speak Spanish unless he stands well with the Mexicans. Dr. Thomas may know him, politicians in Santa Fe may know him. Perea would be likely to know him. Get to the bottom of the case.

I sent you a letter from Dr. Thomas two or three days ago.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

P. S. I want to call your attention to Dr. Patterson's article in the Interior of last month. I think I shall answer it; if so I want to have an exact statement as you understand it about the fund left for the Navajoes, which Dr. Lowrie might have had if he had gone forward and which lapsed and was covered into the Treasury again. Give me dates and amount as nearly as you can.

Our cold snap is returning. It rained nearly all day yesterday.

You had better send Fulton's letter back to us here and obtain what more light you can while you are gone to put with it. I don't want any slippery politicians now or anything that has a black mark on it.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Dec. 4th. John had evidently sent this letter off without putting a stamp on it. It has just come back from Washington

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.



Socorro, N. M.  
Nov. 29, 1880

Dear Bro. and Sir:

I have paid for the church \$300 and have the deed. The judge preferred to deed to me as he might be asked why he deeded to a stranger etc. It is to me as trustee for the First Presbyterian Church of Socorro and is limited to church educational and benevolent purposes. The judge says it cost him \$700 and a year's work, beside the land. Now the \$315 I am much pressed for and I hope you can get it to me very soon. Do try. The money for parsonage ought to be sent out too; at least half of it at once. Really ought to have it here by the 15th of this month.

I am satisfied I can get as much land as you want for the Indian College, if you can get it located here. With water for all household purposes, but not to farm with; but wells can be sunk if necessary and a windmill would draw water enough. Judge Shorrwill help me get the land. No expense but putting up monuments at corners and recording. But the way people are coming in, it may not be long we can get it.

One other matter D. J. Lake a former elder of Lake Forest church near Chicago, is now a member of my church. Through him we have had a bell donated to our church here. We think that if you would work and work up Lake Forest a large interest might be awakened. You know it is mostly Chicago merchant who reside there. They are already interested in New Mexico and might take a new station or two under their protection. In the western part of Socorro County a preacher and school is needed now. We must try to "possess the land" as far as possible. Try Lake Forest and Toledo, Dr. and give them some of your energy. It will not be in vain.

Glad to hear from you whenever any interest may be forwarded.

Your brother in Christ,  
S. N. Fulton.

Jones, S. N.  
Nov. 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Friend:

There is a mingled feeling of dismay and exultation in accepting a position in the Industrial school. Dismay that so soon Jones and the many pleasant associations clustering around its name must be left behind me for new scenes and faces. Exultation, that it is to be mine to gather closer around me these Pueblo children whose onward progress is so near my heart. I shall be ready for a change of base at a moments notice. Shall I look to you or to Dr. Thomas for information as to exact date of opening school? The time we



are to be on the ground etc?

And now may I say a single word to you alone? I really feel that \$500 is scarcely an adequate salary because all my expenses must be paid out of my own pocket. It seems to me to be but just, that those who have the affixing of salaries should remember that teachers employed by the Board of Home Missions have their travelling expenses paid, while those in the Government employ pay their own way. This is a delicate matter for me to speak of, yet you will acknowledge one must make their life a success financially and how can I do this, dress as becomes my position have money to go home at the close of school year and to return or in view of going to the states "study up the Pueblos" on \$500 a year. I beg you will not think me mercenary for I only wish to put myself in such a position as will allow me to devote myself entirely to school duties. I speak to you candidly and freely as to a friend and if you can add a sufficient amount to my salary to pay my way home I shall consider myself your debtor.

Remember me most kindly to Miss Daisy. Hoping to see you in the near future and expressing the earnest wish that prosperity may crown your work and that the Industrial school shall win an eternal fame among the institutions of the world and that its pupils as they enter its portals may find the pathway to eternal life, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lora B. Shields.

23 Centre St., New York.  
Dec. 1, 1850

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir!

I am so sorry neither Miss Verbeck nor Miss Esch can go on with you. You have no doubt heard direct from both. A letter has just come from Miss Harnaker at Juni dated Nov. 20th. She is overworked all alone. Dr. and Mrs. Raly away, some one must be sent there as soon as the right one can be found. I will write to Cohoes, N. Y. about one we thought had not quite school education enough but might do with Miss Harnaker. Miss Verbeck's salary and that for another teacher is secured at Troy, so much my brother for your visit to the churches.

P. F. H. Haines.

Sec'y.

Pueblo Agency  
Santa Fe, N. M.



Dec. 2, 1880

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Sir:

I have paid two men for today for moving school supplies \$1.50 each, \$3.00 and the day you left two men at \$.75 each, \$1.50 total \$4.50 which amount you owe me.

Very respectfully,

Ben. M. Thomas.

U. S. Ind. Agent.

23 Centre st, N. Y.

Dec. 2, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Galesburg, Ill.

Dear Sir:

We have an application from a Miss Clara Shurtleff of Charleston, Coles Co. Ill that promises extremely well both from her own letter and by a long letter from Rev. W. W. Paris, Clinton, Ill. She has taught 16 years, is 37 years old would like New Mexico. She is principal of the school at Charleston but could leave with a month's notice, is an unusually acceptable teacher competent in affairs, refined, yet apt in the more unpleasant forms of christian work, health not vigorous, but good has not lost a day from school in a year. She reads Greek and Latin and is studying German. Now if you were not on crutches. I would propose your going to see her. These letters have just come. I answer today making further inquiries. Will you not write also? Perhaps she could come to see you. Nothing is said about singing or other music. Miss Hamaker must have help; also there is that vacancy at Jemez.

When you write be sure and say how your foot is getting on.

Love to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours truly,

F. E. H. Haines.

Sec'y.

P. S. I think all will prove satisfactory about Miss Kipp, and Higgins and Mrs. W. W. Norton at Conejos. We have further letters.

Tierra Amarilla, N. M..

Dec. 3, 1880

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Santa Fe, N. M.



Dear Friend:

Your letter of ----- was handed me just as I was starting here on the 29th ult. Mr. Milburn has been sick for sometime and was badly behind with his work in the office and would not have time to attend to the shipping of the school furniture to Albuquerque. I therefore instructed him to let the matter rest till you could attend to it. I may get back to Santa Fe before you do, and find time to attend to the matter by employing one or two men at your expense. I cannot make any promises in regard to the team at present because I have made no plan to regard to my own course through the business now crowding me. In any case I would prefer to let the team go on such a long journey only under orders from the Department seems to "have a care" in such matters.

If things here go off as I wish I will reach home on the 31st inst. Albuquerque seems inclined to "back out" of the donation promise. I opened negotiations with other parties before leaving home but do not know if they will amount too much.

Yours,  
B. M. Thomas.

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23 Centre st, New York.  
Dec. 3, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Our resources as to teachers are increasing. Two more good applications today, a Miss Mary Crowell of Iowa, Allen Co Kansas can go at short notice. I like her letter very much and am making immediate inquiries. She has taught eight years or more in Ohio and I think the case promising. I do not yet know about music. Will tell her to write to you also. Perhaps you had better write to her to see if she could meet you at New Mexico as we can telegraph decisions.

Yours truly,  
F. E. H. Haines.

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23 Centre st N. Y.  
Dec. 3, 1880

Dear Brother:

I have nothing for the "outlook" but Sanderason Little of Texas and Marsh . Too late for the Record now.

Yours from Cincinnati came to hand duly. I note with pleasure what you say. I enclose an extract from Mr. Joy's last letter, you will be interested painfully in it.

Hope to hear from you before you leave for Kansas City.



Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

P. S. My wife was greatly interested to hear that Mrs. J. was going with you to the Indians in Arizona and New Mexico after she had turned her back on that desolation forever. My wife would like to go along! Not that she would but she would enjoy your trip and with Mrs. J. very much.

23 Centre Street, N.Y.  
Dec. 4th, 1880.

Rev. Dr. Jackson-  
Galesburg Ill.

Dear Sir:

A letter has come from Miss H. N. Phillips- very satisfactory- We talked of her for Matron among the Navajos Will you correspond with her at once? For as her salary is promised from Troy, no doubt she will be recommended for commission at our meeting next Tuesday, the 7th inst. She is very sorry not to be with Miss Verbeck but is willing to go where appointed. She expects to stay at Topoka Kansas until the 15th inst. I wonder if you could slip to see her. I suppose a letter to Miss H.N. Phillips Topoka Kansas would do or care of Dr. McCabe.

F. W. H. Haines.

23 Centre st, N. Y.  
Dec. 4, 1880.

Dr. Jackson,  
Galesburg, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Good news today from Ills. North. Dr. Blackburn sends the following names as appointed by the synod as synod Con.

Mrs. F. C. Sickles	church Dixon,	Ill.
" E. S. Wood	Pecosone,	"
" M. B. Goddard	Winnebago	"
" Thos. Galt	Aurora,	"

I write to them all today. D. W. Very good accounts came from Park College about Misses Ripp and Higgins and others there are preparing for work. Copy has come back from Mrs. Monfort. I am afraid some special December things are left out.

F. W. H. Haines.



Dec 6th 1880:

Rev Sheldon Jackson,  
My Dear Bro.

Enclosed you will find a letter written for your paper. I do not know that you will care to publish it, and you are certainly at liberty to do as you see proper about it.

I deem it necessary to introduce myself and work in some such way and there being so much ground to go over, and I hardly see how I could abbreviate much if any and at the same time make it at all satisfactory.

I intend keeping a full history of our labors here, beginning with our setting out at Monument and if I only had a type writer or some such way of producing 40 or 50 copies with little manual labor I should keep a large circle of acquaintances posted. I shall try to copy a number of the letter giving full and detailed account of our journey on old copying pad; but the letter is so long I fear it will be worn out before the copying is finished. I have much to write but do not know how to say it all. Have no reason to change my opinion of our agent, but pronounce him an entire failure. He is too old to get out amongst the people and has never even visited the first village. He is too wise to learn and foolish enough to think that when he rattles away to the Indians in English and they make answer "on! on!" (yes) that they understand him perfectly. As an example and it is one from many. He asked Keams to get him a mail carrier the other day. Keams found an Indian who would be ready to go in the afternoon and sent him up with a note requesting Mr. Sullivan to reply if he wished this man to go. The Indian returned without answer, told Mr. Keams that Mr. Sullivan sent him back but gave him no paper. Of course Mr. Keams did not engage him and in the evening Mr. Sullivan went down and asked "Where is the Indian who was to carry the mail?" Mr. S. informed him that he received no answer and supposed he did not wish his services. "Why", said Mr. S. "I bowed as politely as I could and said yes, bueno bueno, I want you to go" He supposed of course the Indian understood him. He is rapidly becoming the laughing stock of both whites and Indians. As a christian he is exceedingly inconsistent. He has refused to trade with the Moquis on Sabbath according to instructions, and tells them it is doningo I will not buy your fodder nor sell you anything. But if a man brings a nice mess of rabbits and he wishes them for Sunday dinner as a matter of course he must buy them. He can have his horses shod on Sunday and start off on a 50 miles journey on Sunday morning. Again he is too penurious in expending Government appropriations ever to accomplish much. The appropriation for school building was made months since and yet not a stick or stone has been touched and there is no prospect of anything being done. I approached him on the subject the other day and he replied that nothing could be done before spring. I said the rocks



could be quarried and the lumber secured, but he said that he hoped to get the lumber at \$60 a thousand by waiting until he could get it at Defiance. (The estimate was made and the appropriation granted at \$100 a thousand and it will require 3000 ft.) I asked him what is \$120 in consideration of several months lost at a time when it is most convenient for the Moquis to be reached. In the spring they will be at their planting. He said he did not know certainly that the lumber could be had for \$100. I told him that if he would authorize me to obtain it I would hire it for him soon. This he would not do and so it goes. If we have to wait on Defiance for lumber another generation is likely to pass away without school as the mill does not supply its own place with enough and if we have to wait on this agent to carry out the Government's part of the contract I am afraid that we shall grow weary. Away with such broken down played out politicians for and Indian Agent. Our church is brought into great disreput by the signal failure she has made in her nominations of agents, and I think she had better get one sound man to attend to selecting and nominating agents and not rely on this that and the other church to make nominations of some own of its members. Either this or else send noone except he is known by some member of the Board personally or by yourself or the missionary. I may have said too much but I am exceedingly indignant at Mr. S's course. I am thankful that I can do a little without his help, but even he must have credit, and when he knows that I am about undertaking to teach a few that I may get to come to our house, he must write to "the department" that he hopes to have the school started in a short in a short time &c ad infinitum.

Merit is Mr S's sole counselor and advisor and I do not suppose that a single letter ever goes to "the Department" without the inspection and approval of him and you know something of his status.

We shall work along and accomplish what we can and I have no doubt but it will all be overruled for the best. As we shall only have a few to begin with, and they grown up persons who are really anxious to learn; we shall push them right along and if they do well it will open the way for gathering in a large number by the end of another year.

Now I wish to speak of another matter and scarcely know how to put it without entering into a full explanation. We shall meet quite as many Navajos as Moquis and it is our purpose to do all the good we possibly can to every Indian with whom we meet although our special and constant work will be with the Moquis. One of the first things is to inculcate a sense of shame at their own dirty ragged and beggarly appearance. I think we shall eventually accomplish this by keeping those whom we may have around us well dressed and by encouraging all whom we meet to dress so. I have tried the



experiment with one or two and it seems to work well but my supply of old clothes is short, and now what I want is an appeal for second hand clothes of every description. No matter what so they are not really worn out. Whoever sends a box must pay charges to this point as there is no fund to meet this. The U. S. S. sends missionary boxes free over their line and I really think the A. T. & S. F. and other western H. B. would do the same for this cause if it was well explained to them. Of course there will yet remain some cost at this end. I do not propose to give these clothes away exactly and yet it will almost amount to this; but I do not approve of giving them something for nothing for the Navajos especially are already too great beggars. I shall therefore have some little work for them to do as pay for each and every article. We have then here often begging for clothing for an almost naked child, and the grown people too about in the same condition. There is but little danger that an appeal would bring an over supply and if you see fit to make it well if not and you publish my letter please erase the clause mentioning an appeal "in this issue". I presume that the boxes sent at this late stage of the season will not avail much for the present winter though a few of them may get in time; but they will keep over and be ready for the future and when the supply received is sufficient I will notify you.

I have many other things to say but my letter is already too long and I must close. I think that we shall be very comfortable this winter so far as the cold is concerned but we are decidedly crowded, hope we can build a good house in the spring. I received your note with Miss Anna Farrelly's letter concerning \$20 when it comes will have it duly applied on house. Will write you points of especial interest as they may be noted. Shall probably see no dances before summer. I attended one Navajo dance but I cannot be out at night and most of their are after night.

Fraternally,  
C. A. Taylor.

Bobbs Ferry, Ind.,  
Dec. 7, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Much obliged for the information contained in your letter just received. We will do all we can in this Presbytery. I last week saw Mrs. Graham and she assured me that the \$315 in question could be raised in some other society if after all we fall short, so I think you may safely leave that matter in the hands of the Ladies Board. Thanks also for Socorro papers.



I send you one of our circulars of the new society. Mr. Niven will be pleased to receive your message. He has gone to today to join his brethren of the Presbytery in a day of prayer for their own spiritual quickening to be followed on Thursday by a day of general observance in our families and congregations, hoping for a special blessing this winter.

With kindest regards,

Truly,  
E. L. Niven.

23 Centre st, N. Y.  
Dec. 7, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Galesburg, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I find your note of the 3rd on my return from New York. Our Com. met today, Miss Verbeck was there for a while. We are pleased with her. We shall arrange B. V. to have her and Miss McLean come on together as early as possible in Jan. next. Miss Phillips is ready to go perhaps about the same time from Three Rivers, Michigan. It seems apity she has to go back from Topeka there. We thought of her for antron among the Navajoes. How soon does the work begin there? Does Mrs. Perkins keep on with the school at Santa Fe until after Christmas. We are far pressing the work and yet it would be bad to get in debt. Some one must go to Zuni. Dr. Kendall is to make inquiries in a day or two. I think perhaps that Miss Mary Crowde now at Toia, Kansas might go there.

I wish your foot got on faster.

Here it is the 7th inst and I have not yet received a copy of Dec. Rocky.

Yours truly,  
E. E. H. Haines.

Conejos, Col.  
Dec. 8, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours was received yesterday. I am astonished and provoked that I must bear the whole burden of this interminable tangle. It seems to me if I were in your place I shall assume at least a part of it. You say you do not fully apprehend the school question. Was it not your duty to inform me? We had all summer for it, were in frequent communication I had had nothing to do with such matters. Why did you not give me such directions as were necessary. I told you at



Presbytery I had not received any commission. Neither then nor at any previous time had you intimated that a commission in hand was necessary before entering the work but rather the contrary inasmuch as during the past summer you urged me to come as soon as possible without mentioning the need of a commission beforehand and when at Presbytery you never once expressed any surprise or told me I was not safe without a commission. You knew moreover that I contemplated one new school at La Jara in addition to the two that had already been in existence though Miss Smith had not been under commission you never intimated the danger of the move. My predecessor said he intended if he had remained here placing at once 20 teachers in the field. I thought I surely could place one there. We spoke of the teachers at Presbytery also and without giving me one word of advice or warning you told me to select my teachers and send their names to Mrs. W. because that body had the most money giving me to understand thereby that the matter was not a difficult one. But what is more I cannot see wherein I have failed so deplorably in the matter. Though having no official counsel in the matter, I sent for recommendations from the pastor and session of the young ladies in question and the letters of Prof. McCaffee ought to be equivalent to any certificate of teaching especially as the only work of the kind done by them had been done in the college of which he is president and these papers were the most of them presented to Presbytery or the Com. of Presbytery and have also all been forwarded to the Bd. In addition to all that I at once forwarded the names of the young ladies to Mrs. Haines. I say I cannot see where I have so miserably failed to comprehend the question even without the direction I should have had given me, save in one point, in not requiring recommendations from Presbytery also. As to Mrs. Norton I suppose I failed therein; I did not suggest that of a missionary's wife all this would be required especially as she was personally present at Presbytery. As to my sending for my teachers you you knew and the Board also that I was late getting to the field and therefore late in finding out the wants of the field. You knew too that unless the schools are open in season they must be comparatively a failure. And this is especially true of these people as you ought to know as district Supt, inasmuch as they leave for their ranches so early in the new year. Well just as we stood in the need of teachers a letter from Prof. McCaffee reached me indirectly recommending so highly there Miss Higgins and Miss Kipp. It seemed a God send. The schools demanded their presence as soon as possible. I had every reason to believe they would be commissioned and urged them to come as you had urged me believing their commissions would reach them before coming or soon after. They got ready and came as far as the college at Parkville and there waited your half fare orders. they received \_\_\_\_\_ had been honored



with farewell meetings by the missionary Des'ly of the college just then the delay showed itself and Dr. Hill jealous for Kansas helped to stop the wheels and Mrs. Haines had been absent from home and Dr. Kendall had misunderstood the action of Presbytery mixing Miss Conaway up in the affairs and my commission had been forwarded to Perrysville where I had not been residing since May and all was suspense and I trusting the Lord for results telegraphed them to come on and they came and they are both at work doing nobly. Miss. H. had 10 when I was there yesterday at the end of one weeks work and will doubtless have over 20 by Monday next. Miss E. began with 8 more than Mrs. H. began with here and I think will increase to 15 but though not so large it is the most promising of all. They are thirsting for knowledge, they are material for good church members and evangelists the very thing we need here most of all and will only cost the Board \$300. Mrs. Norton has 22 enrolled has 17 present today and I am compelled to say I am surprised at the success she has. She spends three fourths of her time each morning in the devotional exercises and catechism for Mexicans they are becoming remarkable prompt and regular. If their commission do not come I am then sick of the whole business and am ready to go where I will be treated as a man. I presume Mrs. Haines is offended because we did not leave it for her to name the teachers and then we would have had such as Miss Laves whom Mrs. G. sent to San Luis we do not need old maids here but young women who are willing to be superintended in the work and capable of mouldering themselves to the work. Miss Ross I am told once expressed herself as unwilling to be superintended by any minister and my own impression is that that was one reason of Miss C's not remaining here. As I told Presbytery I intend superintending these schools and not the teachers. This of course means no spirit of tyrannical meddling but I am not going to be run by any teacher. I asked Miss C. to remain here and told her you assumed me she would be re-commissioned but she chose to go elsewhere. In connection with this I want to express my surprise at the stricture of Mrs. Haines as to music and health. Miss C. cannot play and I never heard her sing much she never sang with her school but once after we came here and as to health I could not after hearing the requirement recommend a lady with such poor health. She was exhausted daily according to her statement after teaching 2 pupils (her school only numbered 0 to 4 the last quarter) and each month the poor woman was for a time utterly unable to be in the school room at all. I do not say this to Miss C's discredit but to express my surprise at Mrs. Haines requirements. Miss C. has been very kind to us in some way and we will not forget her.

And just here I want to say a word as to Miss C. and Bro. D. I do not admire Bro. D. and am surprised at his imprudence and exceeding egotism but he has been wronged and lied about



and Miss C. gave us to understand things or infer them immediately on coming here that I know to be untrue. It is positively the reports that have been told of Bro. H. Miss C. herself gave Mrs. M. and me to infer that he had been guilty or all but guilty with women. People say he was positively and awfully profane. It was the devil's own work. Bro. H. is so egotistic people take a dislike to him and then they are ready to say anything.

But this is enough I have already written to Dr. K. as to Bro. J. immediately on my reception of Dr. Scherth's letter on Monday. Will write Bro. K. and do as you say at once.

Yours fraternally,  
W. W. Norton.

25 Centre st., N. Y.  
Dec. 10, 1880

Dear Mrs. Jackson,

I do not know but that a letter from Dr. Jackson may have been among others took by one of my family yesterday. Do you know whether he sent me any word about Miss Shurtleiff of Charleston, Ill. I receive very high testimonies in her favor.

I hope you feel half as much acquainted with me as I do with you. I sympathize with you in anxiety about that foot with all this going about but it is all in His Hands.

Yours affectionately,  
W. W. Norton.

Concordia, Kansas.  
Dec. 10, 1880

My dear brother:

Your favor of the 3rd inst. awaited my return from the Solomon county where I had gone to close a business transaction. Rest assured that no unnecessary delay will detain me. And I am now confident that I will be enabled to start for New Mexico at the very latest between Jan. 6th and 10th.

With highest respect, I am  
Yours very truly,  
J. S. Shearer.

Kansas City, Mo.  
Dec. 10, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have done all the business for you that I can thus far. I send you the bills for the goods and the railroad receipts.



I left two orders you sent me from the railroad headquarters with the agent of the road and he agreed to send them all at half rate. I send one large box, one barrel, and a small box which came by express with the other articles. I think the groceries will be found first class for I went to men with whom I am well acquainted and with whom I have had dealings before. They are honorable men and claim to have let me have the goods at the lowest figure. Mrs. Hill went with me for the stove and we looked carefully at many patterns and pieces and selected that we thought the best for the purpose. We only fear that the price may exceed what you expected. The one selected is large with a roomy oven and so much superior to any smaller that we thought an addition of \$10 would be cheap for the greater capacity of the stove \$5 was deducted from the retail price of the stove. I paid the cash for the stove, the other bill charged to me the merchants agreeing to wait until I heard from you. The bills are stove and fixtures

\$76.25  
 \$108.20  
 \$64.87  
 \$249.32  
 \$2.40  
 \$246.92

Mrs. Saines wrote me about an organ. I can find no trace of it here.

I hope this will prove satisfactory if not please inform me what is necessary to do done. Shall I send other boxes that may come to my care or to Albuquerque?

Have you noticed Fienng's letter about the Nez Peros in the Evangelist?

Yours truly,  
 C. Hill.

23 Centre st, N. Y.  
 Dec. 11, 1880

Dear Brother:

Have received letter today from Miss Ross at Mesilla in which she doubts if it is best to send another teacher to that point, so I have sent the following despatch to McKillan "Shall we send Miss McLean to Fillmore, answer" He and McNiec are in great perplexity as to Fillmore and other points. 2. A Miss Shurtleff of Charleston, Ill. is recommended most highly in all regards except as to music, would prefer to go to New Mexico. If Mrs. Dr. Shields plays and sings I think she will be first rate for that place or for Zuni. But I don't want Dr. Ealy to leave his post though. I suppose he must let his wife come east. If Miss Shurtleff could go there and help and be company for Miss Lamaker till Ealy returns and then go to Jemez it seems to me that would be judicious and



economical and that would censure all interests if Dr. Shields can get along from the time Miss Shields leave for Pueblo school at Albuquerque till Dr. and Mrs. Ealy get back. Look carefully at that matter.

3. Please go down to Mesilla and give Dr. Thompson my compliments and tell him to take some more Quinine and fever almost a little. I was sure he ought not to have driven to Shakespeare at the time he did. He has written me a most interesting letter about his trip. You must look up those points.

4. How do you expect to get those children from the Moqui and Navajo Agencies without going there? My wife quite envies Mrs Jackson this trip.

5. The Com. for the Publication failed to meet. Drs. Hall, and Hastings did not put in an appearance or send an excuse.

6. We have just got the doz. Baptist monthly - Shall send to Com. and some others

7. Have written a sharp letter to Hall at Coate for letting things go so. Why didn't he put his hand to the work, or why didn't he cry out?

8. We shall have something to say to Breeden to Glidersleev soon I think, before you get out of the country at least.

9. Have a letter from McKulloch at united Agency. So they got there alive but had a rough time of it.

10. We sent checks to Davis, Chicago to pay those bills and he reports the goods not ready. So we instruct him to the money till the goods are ready and send duplicate bills to you at Albuquerque.

11. Enclosed please find balance of the \$1000. appropriation for Public school

12. Your outlook was just what I wanted, but I don't see how I am to use it for the next no. of the U.M.P. as Mrs Haines desires, for so few others have reported. Keep as posted

Father Hamilton was in yesterday. He says Shepard is coming to Poncha and South Ark. and that Gunnison, and vicinity and Ruby and vicinity (Irwin) and vicinity will each need men in the spring.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

San Juan Islands, T. T.  
Dec. 11, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Sir:

I received your very kind letter sometime since, I thank you sincerely. In this I make bold to ask a favor of you, it is that you frame a letter of appeal (the subject of which I will give you) inserting it in your excellent paper.



with request that all other papers copy. I am most anxious to secure a "Magic lantern", for exhibition in my church and S. S. concerts, with the object of raising a small fund from time to time, from a cosmopolitan people (comprising Americans, English, French, Canadians, Germans, Irish, Scotch Kanakas, and a considerable number of Indian chiefs) and needing some such attraction and entertainment in order to secure their presence and get twenty five cents or so from them. For remember the greater portion of my people are of the unrefined class, the greater number being entirely indifferent to our mission work and will not contribute a cent, except they receive something tangible in return. This lantern will serve us much better than a bell, we being supplied with this now. If you will graciously write an appeal, you can tell the generous friends of our church that San Juan mission is most needy and most deserving. That for ten years its missionary has been struggling on with a poverty stricken and reckless people, with a very meagre salary, the first two or three years of his mission work among them, receiving a mere nothing, being unable to purchase a decent suit of clothes. You can tell them that the community was in much better circumstances seven years ago than at this date, thus keeping back the financial property of the mission cause, then, the garrison furnishing good markets for their produce, as well as having the British market open to them, free of duty than no taxes to pay. Now for six years garrison removed, duty imposed in taking produce to the British market and taxes to pay, so that while every other part has been advancing, San Juan has been retrograding. You can tell them that most of the world be supporters of the mission are without means; their little places being mortgaged to their full value, that the numerous children of these people, have become members of our mission school, and have no change, sightseeing, or recreation save what the church or mission may provide. Being desirous to entertain these little ones occasionally we ask the much needed gift (New Year's gift) of Magic lantern. Tell the people that the missionary with his true missionary and self-denying help-meet (wife) should be gratified by the gift of a lantern as they are giving the best of their days their entire life to the work of this very needy and isolated mission refusing repeated calls to other and more interesting fields of labor. Tell them too, that many needy ones are here to whom an occasioned box of clothing etc from our ladies societies would be most acceptable, some so needy that many little ones are kept from S. S. because they are not properly clad. Tell them that there has never yet been a box of anything sent to this mission field (or its missionary) although many blanks have ben filled out out for articles of clothing. (Are we ignored out here?)

One of my poor people, a family with man wife and six children the eldest 7 years old, were made houseless the other



day by a fire, saving nothing. Of the \$5 received for the past year from my people, I gave \$2.50 toward their great need. Tell the friends all this, and anything more you deem proper of what you know of this field and may God bless the favor conferred. Get us (Dear Sir) a Magic Lantern if you possibly can, I am

Very truly yours,  
T. J. Weekes.

Moqui, A. T.  
Dec. 13, 1880

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 3th is at hand, and I reply by return mail that you may have it immediately on your arrival at Albuquerque. I do not think you will succeed in getting Moqui children at this time for several reasons. In the first place neither the agent nor myself is sufficiently acquainted with the Moquis to do anything in this direction and we have no very reliable means of communicating with them, as it must come from Moquis to Spanish and from Spanish through Herritt to English. Again if I should do anything in the matter even in the way of going over to the village and talking with the people Mr. S. would think me trespassing as he thinks you are in your epistle as he has received no word from the Department in regard to the matter. If it were in my power however to do anything I should do it and he might think as he please. Again it is almost if not altogether necessary that such a matter be talked over several months before hand. They are slow to act and must know all the reasons. They are not however suspicious and have confidence in the whites. Mr. Sullivan will probably write you what he says to me that he has talked with 25 heads of families about sending their children to school, that he talks it every time he meets them and has not been able to get one yet. I venture the assertion that he has never broached the subject in a definite manner to any of them. I have heard him mention the school to them frequently and he has the conceit to think that they understood all that he said, when I question whether one of them has understood a word. If so they have gathered a vague idea that there is to be a school sometime in the transparent (?) future when the school building is completed and that again is in the positive future. I was in probably the only council in which the subject was mentioned and every one said "Loloni" which means good at mention of a prospective school. He asked for no children, how could he! And now to say that he has tried and cannot get one of them etc. The etc stands for what I might go on to say not for anything more that he said. I think that he will tell you frankly that he will look after the Moquis and when he gets the children ready will take them



on to Washington himself as their agent (I guess that part of it would more properly devolve upon the teacher; would it not?) At all events, Sheldon Jackson has no business meddling with the matter."

Now Dr., a word of advice. Excuse the presumption. Come out here by all means. You have a true friend in me, as true if not as valuable, as in any man living; I guess that every man this side of Santa Fe, Missionaries excepted, is prejudiced against you and our agent evidently imbibed their sentiments as on our arrival he pronounced you enthusiast and visionary in the matter of this school. Now you are authorized to come through and I do not think you could do a better thing for the cause than to come right along. I have one of the best of the Moquis with me, son of a chief and about 35 years old. He understands Spanish and a little English. I made him understand that you were coming and your mission. He has a little girl that you might get in 2 or 3 years. He learns rapidly as also his wife, and they pride themselves in teaching their little children English. "Tom" has travelled a good deal; has been to San Francisco, and he is enthusiastic about educating himself and family. Mr. Stephens tells me that he is the brightest man in the tribe, and of a remarkable inquiring mind. Now if you will come; I will endeavor to get the agency torn if possible and we will go to the villages and talk with them what we can through Tom. No doubt Mr. Means would go with us and in this way we could do something for the future if not immediately, and then the result upon the Americans will be in our favor I am quite sure. There are numerous matters too on which I wish you posted. Mr. S. is making a vigorous to have the agency moved to Sunset on the little Colorado. His first talk was to have the school moved there too; but when he found that I would **oppose** this he dropped it and now advocates leaving the school here, and moving the agency. Now if he or any of his kin are to possess the post for many years I do not object to the agency being taken to any distant point; but if I could have an agent who would be a co-worker with me I should say let us stay together. He has never been to the little Colorado but knowing that the U. S. is to be there, for his own convenience he wishes to move there. There are certainly arguments in favor of this change on part of the agent but I fear the benefit would all be to him and his employees. Perhaps too a little saving to the Government in matter of transportation of goods, but the poor Moquis would have twice as far to go to their agency and would be brought constantly in contact with Mormons, a class of Americans but little removed from themselves in civilization. But I must not pursue this subject farther. Just come out and we will ventilate this and other subjects thoroughly. The matter of assistant teacher is at present a puzzle to me. I presume you break the



mind of the Board as well as your own in regard to my wife's teaching. Our babe is excellent giving very little trouble and housekeeping not a very heavy task here, but on our part it will be quite as pleasant to have her entirely free from care; but for the present I do not see how another teacher can be accommodated. We are living in an extremely close and much cramped for room. There is no use in depending on a room at the agency building, for the gent is looking for from 3 to 6 of his friends out this month. Now where can she be kept. If the Board is ready however to appoint a teacher and thinks it is not wise to have my wife fill it temporarily all right. I have a choice however and would ask for Miss Pearl Lee to be commissioned. Miss Lee came to Monument a short time before we left. Her home is in Kansas. She is teaching the public school in Monument this winter. She is a Presbyterian and a remarkably consistent Christian manifesting a lovable spirit in her conversation and actions. Myself and wife formed a high opinion of her, and we seem to have formed a mutual attachment. On her part, but for her contract to teach she would have been glad to accompany us here. She still desires to come and her engagement there will soon terminate now. I suppose that there will be but very little effected in the matter of school for one year owing to lack of school room; but a teacher could be learning the language and become acquainted with the people and thus be doing a valuable preparatory work. My dear wife will be greatly pleased to have a lady friend here. At all events do not let the Board appoint a stranger. We should rather have Miss Lee come than to have my wife go into the school by far and we shall do what we can to give her a corner in which to sleep if she comes. My brother has the appointment as teacher same as Farmer here and therefore could not be released to go to Fair. Come and spend Christmas with us if you can. Our tie is to have a Christmas tree on Christmas eve.

Fraternally,  
George W. Taylor.

Fort Wrangel Alaska.  
Dec. 14th. 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Bro:

We are hourly expecting the steamer, hoping it will bring good news from you all. Since last mail we have had some deaths among our Indians.

The most prominent one that is gone is old Shustack. He died the first of last week, but is yet unburied.

Mrs Young and Lot (he is a nephew) had a great time to keep the heathen friends from burning the body. But they have finally given it up. By Mr Young paying for the coffin, and



not bearing all the other expenses including a monument. The night he died they fired the cannon all night, and every every night since; they have had the house illuminated keeping the lights burning all night.

I do not think I told you in my last letter that we had a shock of an earthquake here. It was very slight here; but at Fort Simpson was quite severe.

There is one thing I want to talk to you about. You will remember Willie Louie, Moses boy. He is a very promising boy but just the age to be spoiled and his mother is not fit to have the care of him and since the failure to get these boys into the school at Portland they seem to have lost confidence in everyone and do not care what becomes of them. I feel sure that Willie will be a ruined boy if he stays here. Now we have thought that under the circumstances, his father being killed in the war you might be able to get Willie into one of the Governments schools. For some reasons it would be better to have him, taken east where he would have no communication with his people. If this can be brought about I hope it can be done soon. You need not mention the matter to Mr. Young when you write to him. I have urged him to write about it but he puts everything off till the last minute.

Dec. 18th

Last night as Mr. Young was going down the walk from the Yona going to prayer meeting in the ranch he slipped on the ice and falling dislocated his shoulder and was very much fear injured his spine. He has not been able to move since and we are very anxious about him.

Dec. 22nd.

The steamer came in this morning at daylight. Seven days behind time. Was frozen up in the Columbia.

Yours of Nov. 15th came to me. I have already written you about the canoe. It cost \$80 and will cost \$10 more to paint it. I am going to have a boat house built. It will cost \$25 or \$30. We will perhaps lack about \$15. I have just run over the amount and think with some small sum that are promised I think we will have enough. Of course if anything more comes we can apply it to something else.

I am glad you are going to the Seminaries to find men for Alaska. But regret it must be for so long before they can come. I will not be able to write to Rev. C. Stewart Ross this mail will try and do so by next steamer. We were sorry to hear of your misfortune in being kicked by the mustang. Hope you are entirely recovered ere this. I was very glad to hear from the Burnhams. I have not heard from them in a long time. Mrs. Dunbar received the Christmas from Mrs. Jackson. Many thanks. Miss D. and I think we will appropriate a couple of the neckties for ourselves. They are very pretty. How ridiculous that such an idea should be published about my mail. I hope you have corrected this ere this.

Mr. Young is considerably better. But we cannot tell



how it will result yet. It is a great trial to Mr. Young to have to be laid aside when he feels he ought to be so busy.

Much love to you all.

Yours truly,

A. P. McFarland.

Coate, Mora Co, N. M.  
Dec. 14, 1880

Rev. and Dear Bro:-

Your letter of Dec. is at hand. We were glad to hear from you again; and in reply would say that those young people rejoice at the prospect of accompanying you to Albuquerque and serving you upon the conditions which you propose.

I trust we shall not be disappointed in our anticipations concerning their qualifications for that work, as they promise as fair as any Mexican couple we could recommend for that position.

I confess, my brother, I scarcely know just what to say concerning the finishing of our church. Mr Borden claims to have completed the woodwork of the building before he went to Taos. I claim he did not complete the work according the contract which Mr Roberts says he made with him: which, or a part of which was, to finish the building with good material in a good substantial, workmanlike manner.

In the first place, nearly all the lumber in the building is of an inferior quality, and is put together in the most loose indifferent manner possible. One of the hands who worked under Mr Borden's directions; told me that whenever he attempted to joint flooring, ceiling or do any other kind of work, so as to have it look well, Mr Borden would scold him and tell him just to put it together any way, as it would be good enough for these Mexicans as they wouldn't know any better anyhow: and as for Mr Roberts, he was so easy and careless that he could talk to him in such a way as to make him think it was all right". Mr McWhirt, Borden's partner says he often said to Mr Borden, he ought to be more particular about his work; but Borden would just laugh at him, and tell him it was good enough for these Mexicans, and Roberts would take it off their hands anyhow and then they would be all right. These my brother are facts concerning Mr. Borden's language with reference to the work on this building, and if I had time should like to tell you more about his language and deportment while among these people. They regard him a very dishonest and bad man; he is certainly guilty of some most base misrepresentations concerning money matters both to Mexicans and Americans who worked for him here. At one time when he came from Taos with over \$100 in his pocket, which Mr. Roberts had just paid him before leaving there, he told two of his American carpenters and several of his Mexican



helpers who wished to get some pay from him for their work, that he didn't have a single bit of money with him, and they would have to wait till he returned from Las Vegas as he proposed coming back in two or three days to settle with them and pay them for their work. But he never came back. His partner and Mr. Roberts wrote him to Las Vegas to meet them here on the 22d of Nov. to complete their settlement for the finishing of this church, but Borden did not put in an appearance; so Mr. McWhirt paid Andrew Maes \$5 to go to Las Vegas with his carriage and bring Mr. Borden here, as neither Mr. Roberts or McWhirt felt like concluding a settlement without him. He did not come but sent a note back by Mr. Maes to Mr. McWhirt saying that if Mr. Roberts was not willing to settle fairly and pay the freight on the lumber for the church from Las Vegas to Ocate (which Mr. Roberts positively declared he never agreed to do) he would give him trouble.

So Mr. B. agreed to settle with Mr. McWhirt providing he would agree to furnish the lumber at his own expense and come here next spring after the weather got warm enough to work and tear off all the poor material in the ceiling of both the church and school room and replace it with good material, and repaint the seats and wainscoting (or rather wain siding) and put up half of a board partition between the church and the school room. At present the upper half of the partition consists of two strips of six cent muslin stretched across the house on a pole from one side to the other! Something (I suppose Bro. Roberts imagined) after the style of the Mosaic Tabernacle.

Judging by what I have heard of Mr. Borden's deportment and conversation while here, I am very much inclined to look upon him as a wolf in sheep's clothing. I am only judging the tree by its fruits, and surely no truly conscientious christian gentleman would be guilty of such charges as I have heard preferred against him here. And as for Bro. Roberts though I esteem him a well meaning christian man, I do not regard him as a competent person to manage the financial affairs of the church, or to make contracts for buildings to be paid for with money furnished by any of our church Boards. I have been told that the work on this church has already cost \$700. I cannot vouch for the truthfulness of this statement, as Bro. Roberts has never given me the satisfaction of knowing how much money he received from the Board of Church Erections, nor how much he has paid on this church. He has always acted towards my wife and I as if he considered us to far beneath his dignity to consult our judgement or to ask our opinions in regard to the management of the financial affairs of the church, or to tell us anything about what it cost. He seems to regard us as to little illiterate to understand anything at all about such matters, if so he is right is not telling us anything about it. We both told him very plainly what he thought about the squandering of means fur



nished by the Board for the finishing of this church. I told both he and Mr. McWhirt when we were in the church together looking at it, that such a job of work would never be taken off mechanics hands at all in states. McWhirt said he was ashamed of it himself but that he did not think he was such to blame in the matter, as he had said everything he could to Mr. Borden to have him take more pains with the work, but all to no purpose as Borden would have his own way about everything and told him he was doing his work according to contract. McWhirt said he had never really know what was the contract between Roberts and Borden as Borden had never shown it to him, and he also said he left before the church was finished. McWhirt told Mr. Roberts in my wife's and my presence that he had saved him several hundred dollars by clandestinely breaking the contract between him and Borden for the building of the church at Tacs. Roberts said he was never aware that such was the fact and he thank him for his kindly interference in the matter. Then said McWhirt, "I am going to dissolve partnership with Borden just as soon as I can after I get to Las Vegas for I will not work in company with such a notorious rascal as he has proven himself to be."

I think Roberts expects to use the \$100, donated by Rev. Childs in purchasing stoves and bell for the school room and church as he said he was going to ask Bro. Eastman to purchase a stove for him out of his own funds as he could send him the money as soon as he had received that \$100 which Mr. Childs had given to the church here. And he sent the order to Rev. Eastman for the stove at the same time that he sent the request to you for the money. Both letters were written at our table and both were mailed the same day. Bro. Eastman bought the stove for him and sent it to Coote with one of our neighbors who happened to be in Las Vegas just at that time. It is rendering us excellent service in our school room but I do not know whether Bro. E. has received his pay for it or not; one thing I do know Bro. E. is one of the loosest men to transact trustworthy business whom I ever knew for a man of his intelligence and the position which he occupies. He had made a partial contract with a man by the name of Calhoun who lives about 12 miles from here to finish our church before he ever heard of Mr. Borden. Mr. Calhoun is a straight forward honest man who would stand to a contract after it is fairly made if he knew he was going to lose by doing so. His neighbors all repose the most implicit confidence in his integrity. He told Bro. E. that if he took the job of finishing our church, that the first thing he would do would be to put in new sleepers in order to make the floor level as it would never do to lay a floor on those sleepers, in the position they were in at present, as it would render the floor uneven and spoil the appearance of the whole inside of the building. He said he told Bro. Roberts that he would furnish first class material for the whole



building, level the floor, windows and doors and finish it in a good workmanlike manner; but before closing the contract Mr. Roberts concluded he would have him furnish patent seats and desks for the school room from some eastern manufacturing establishment and also require him to build a neat board fence around the church for the same amount of money mentioned in the contract first proposed. He says he told Bro. Roberts he would think over the matter and let him know in a few days what he would do about it, he did so and sent Bro. R. word that he did not wish to take the contract. If Mr. Calhoun had taken the contract we should now have a church that would do credit to our community, but as it is we have a building that will not even bear inspection by our native Mexican mechanics. The floor in this building is 27 inches lower at the east than at the west end. It is made of inferior second class lumber and very carelessly put down. The ceiling is made of about the same quality of material as the floor, and it was put on without leveling the joice. The windows are not set straight; the partition and folding doors well I cannot describe them! The bellfry is constructed so as to have the bell rope come down on to the pulpit platform behind the minister. My wife suggested to Bro. Roberts that perhaps it might be a better idea to have the stove set up on the pulpit platform also. The roof is very poorly put on, and looks to be considerably warped. In short there is nothing true, square, or level about the whole thing, and the work and material both together ought not to have cost over two hundred dollars or at further not over three hundred dollars; and a man of good judgement would never have taken it off the carpenter's hands at any price. But Bro. Roberts took it off their hands and settled with Mr. McWhirt upon the conditions previously mentioned. Now I believe I have given you as full a description of affairs here as I well can, but if it were possible for you to do so, we should like to have you come and investigate matters for yourself. I do not wish to be considered as casting undue reflections upon any of the parties connected with this church contract I have said nothing more about them than I should have said about any other set of church swindlers, and I feel conscious that I have spoken the truth to the best of my knowledge. But try and make it suit to come and see us if you possibly can, on your return from Albuquerque. We have many things which we should like to consult you about, one of which permit me to mention just here. It occurred to me just as Bro. R. was leaving our house on Sat. morning Nov. 28th that our first quarters salary would be due on the 10th of January, and as he said he was not coming back under three months and possibly not then, we asked him as a matter of accommodation to sign his name to the blank reports furnished us by the Board and we could fill them out and forward them to the Board as soon as the quarter expired; but his reply to us was



no, positively no, "I can't do any such thing you must make out your reports and send them to me at Tago as I want to supplement them before they are sent to the Board." We should have no objection whatever to his supplementing them if we believed that he knew anything more about the work here than we do ourselves. He had not been here from the 31st of July, save to call a few minutes at Bro. Haas until he came to hold communion on Thanksgiving day. And even then he seemed so displeased about our going east on a vacation without consulting his feelings in regard to the matter, that he scarcely asked a question concerning our labors, and he didn't seem to wish to hear anything about the work here at all. Now what we wish to know if this, Are we really bound to send our reports to him to supplement before they can be forwarded to the Board? Bro. R. is so loose and careless in the management of business affairs for the people that we are afraid if we do send our report to him to supplement that he may possibly lay them aside and not forward them to the Board for several weeks after he receives them. Rev. Haas knows all about our work here and is deeply interested in it, and is a co-laborer with us, and I always tell him of our reports and if need be can translate them into Spanish so that he can understand them perfectly and would be much better qualified to supplement them than Bro. Roberts as he is really the minister in charge of our work here. Now please give us the necessary information with reference to this subject.

I received a letter a few days since from my nephew W. R. Crabbs who is a student at Allegheny Seminary stating that you had visited the Seminary with a view to securing missionaries for the different home fields. Did you talk with him personally on the subject? If so has he any notion of engaging in missionary work himself? I am anxious to know as I feel deeply interested in him and regard him as a young man of more than ordinary promise.

Since I last wrote you I have been told that our young Brother Neal who is now your servant, went in company with Rev. Romero and his wife from Tago a few evenings since to a Roman Catholic ball in this neighborhood and while there imbibed quite freely of a beverage which produced very peculiar symptoms in some individuals. Possibly our young brother might have thought that on that particular occasion example had taken precedence for precept, and departed himself accordingly. It might be well however for the good people of Allegheny to exercise a watchful care over him as I understand he loves company and is extremely fond of gay society.

Now my dear brother I desire the contents of this letter to remain a matter of strictest confidence at least until I get to see you in person and enjoy a face to face interview with you. Bro. Haas requested me the next time I wrote you to ask you for him where he could get a Bible Dictionary Scripture Commentaries and other Theological works in the



Spanish language? Please to inform him as such information may prove of paramount advantage to him. Our church, Sabbath and day school here are all we think quite flourishing at present.

Hoping to either see or hear from you soon, I remain  
Your true friend and brother in Christ,  
R. W. Hall.

Moquis Pueblo Agency, Arizona.  
Dec. 15, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Supt. of Missions Schools.

Dear Sir:

Yours bearing date at Washington, Dec. 1st was received and contents read the evening of the 13th, with which I was interested.

I will say in reply briefly, that the 5 Moquis scholars I cannot furnish for the school at Carlisle at present, nor have I the most remote idea when it can be done, as it is a fact as I understand that more than one year since this agency was authorized to send to that school 5 scholars which have not yet been found willing to go. I have tried in my short time here at least 20 families and not one have yet agreed to send their children. But let me alone to manage this thing myself and I will be able to get them. The children in the parents have to be educated up to it by some one in whose friendship they have confidence. If I accomplish it I will have to go with them myself and may have to take one of their chiefs. The Moquis are timid and distrustful of strangers and have to be managed carefully to secure their confidence. I find this to be true.

In regard to Rev. Chas. A. Taylor he is a man for whom I have conceived a high opinion and regard him as one of the right men in the right place. But with his energy and my will ingness to accommodate we can not do more than I have the authority to do, and the means to do with, so I assure you we will do the very best we can as we have done already as far as we have gone.

I wish to assure you that I take a deep interest in these people I have come here to look after, and in educational matters I have all my life felt and acted for its advancement, for every relation and condition of humanity. I am with you in all that can be done and more if possible. I wish you could come and see us, and I tender you the hospitality of this agency while you may desire to stay with us.

We want to give this property to the school and remove the agency to some point near the railroad which is to be soon finished at Sunset, this is in the true interests of the school, the agency and the Indians. You can help Mr. Taylo



and myself by saying a few words to the Department.

Respectfully and truly your friend,

John M. Sullivan,

U. S. Indian Agent.

23 Centre St., N. Y.  
Dec. 18, 1880

Dr. Jackson,  
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

First let me say how glad I am that Mrs. Jackson is with you. You need looking after.

Your letter proposing a telegram to be sent to Miss Mary Crowell at Toia, Kansas on the 11th inst. did not get to me until Monday the 13th inst. However I went right over to New York to see what was thought of it at the office. It being two days late and with uncertainties as to winter travel to Zuni, Dr. Kewell thought it safest to wait to hear from you again.

You make no mention of Miss Clara Shortleff of Charleston, Coler Co, Illinois. She appears to be all heart and wish, except music. I told her to write to you at Galisburg. She answers she had not heard from Dr. Sheldon. Now upon reference to my copy I find your name was given to her all right but she must have made a mistake. She needs to give some trustee of a school at Charleston a month's notice before leaving.

I am sorry to hear the furniture could not get off from Chicago as soon as you expected.

My love to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours truly,

E. R. R. Haines.

Sec'y.

Paccon Springs, N. Y.  
Dec. 18, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

I received the address of the lady I wished to send the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian and lost it is why I have not sent you her address before. Mrs. A. J. Chambers, Carson City, Michigan.

What about the agent at Moqui? From what I hear he must be another Meeker. I am told that the Indians do not know what to do for he is whining and growling at them all the time. If this is true I fear Brother and Sister Taylor's



work will be lost as they are both working in the same field. The Indians will decide that all whites are alike. Now I am satisfied that Mr. Taylor and wife are just the ones for that mission and were he alone there he would do a good work. It is such a pity that all his efforts should be lost. I have not one word from Mr. or Mrs. Taylor on the subject, but from those who feel an interest in the mission who have been there and know all the proceedings. When Mr. Taylor went there they were offered a Hogan to live in, they chose to stay in their wagon and did so I am told until they built rooms for themselves. I do not know the agent at all and do not wish to see any of our good people removed for lack of judgment or goodness, neither is it right to retain them when they lack the qualities they need to make them useful. I also understand that the agent uses too much liquor. If this is true he can do no good, this one thing settles it at once. I also understand that he got so full at Fort Wingate that the effects were visible to everyone. I did not see this only know by hearing said and only state these things to you because I love the work and I cannot bear to think another has been sent out here who will hurt the cause more than he can do good. I hope this is all untrue but it does not seem quite the thing and the reputation among the Indians might be injured if he properly conducted himself. I do hope it will be looked into at once, and save Bro. Taylor and his most estimable wife from censure from the Indians.

Very truly,

M. M. D. Crane.

23 Centre st, N. Y.  
Dec. 18, 1860

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have many things to write about and do my best I presume I shall forget more than I remember.

1. We had a letter from Miss Ross that expressed a doubt about the need of another teacher, so telegraphed to McMillan to inquire if he wanted Miss McKean and he replied send her to Fillmore immediately so we suppose she goes there.

2. Miss Crowell I don't know but you have her with you so I suppose nothing need be said.

3. I had sent you a letter which I presume you now have about sending Miss Shurtleff first to Zuni and then to Jemez. but when I come to recalled the hardships Dr. Palmer encountered with, I doubt whether any woman should be projected into that country alone in mid-winter. It is all easy as far as the R. R. goes but from Wingate with snow from 5 to 15 feet deep, I protest against any woman being sent in there on uncertainties, as to the road. Another thought then has occurred to me, namely, you will be needing Miss Shields soon



why not let Miss Harraker come out from Zuni with Mr. Faly or otherwise and stay at Jemez till spring that is, abandon the school till Mr. Faly can come back in the spring. That would give Miss H. a rest and change and a little chance for society etc. Meanwhile she could take Miss Shields place at Jemez till the next one comes. Think that over, talk it over with Dr. Faly at Albuquerque and act on the best light you can get so near the field.

4. I have a letter this A. M. from Prof. Boyd at Laramie the people want him there and I think he will stay there for a while. But he writes (1) he was two or three weeks at Idaho Springs and was quite captivated with the place says it is growing fast and we must put a man in there at once (Otis is dead; heard it from Reed) (2.) He says Ladd worked against him at Santa Fe told the people he was too old, offered to preach for them and told him there was no Presbyterian church there and there were more Congregationalists than Presbyterians and that he (Ladd) had been requested to organize a Congregational church. I am afraid he will injure McGaughey and make mischief.

5. Father Hamilton has been here and says Shepherd will take up Poncha Springs. S. Arkansas as soon as Merritt's time is out and Merritt writes that he thinks of going over and working on the other side in the Gunnison valley in the spring where Hamilton says there ought to be two if not three men in the spring, one at Gunnison as a centre, another at Irwin as a centre and I think another place. But for the winter he was going to serve Lathrop (sic) Sedgwick. But Teitsworth warns him off from Sedgwick because he says it is in his (Teitsworth's) field. Now can't you set Teitsworth, Barley, and Merritt to eat each other up! What a trio for one little Presbytery.

6. I think from somethings I hear that Hamilton of Rawlins will go to Central, I hope so.

7. I have a letter from Dr. Thomas saying he did not understand what I wanted when I wrote him asking him to get up an application for McGaughey. I should suppose they had asked aid often enough to know what to do. Please enlighten him and see to it while you are there.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Santa Fe, New Mexico.  
Dec. 18, 1880

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir and Brother:

We have made an effort to secure transportation for our goods but find it impossible to send them otherwise than by the railroad as far as they can be taken in that way.



at least, that is the advice of Mr Martineux who has a store at Fort Defiance, and is shipping goods there-to and bringing wool there from. Have the kindness to send application for money for expenses at once .

We have learned a few words of the Navajos language and feel very much interested. We will make a study of it every evening.

Miss Fletcher left her napkin ring. We miss the boys very much. I would like to get off as soon as possible. We are torn up as far as housekeeping is concerned and are packing up to day. I am writing Capt. Bennett to day, hoping it may be convenient for him to give us a little information as to taking a cooking stove and some other heavy articles.

Very Sincerely,  
Mrs J.D. Perkins.

Phoenix, Arizona  
Dec. 20th, 1880.

Dear Dr. Jackson;

Dr. Ernst of the Pima agency showed me a letter yesterday from you in which you stated that you could be in Arizona about the middle of January.

I want to see you very much to tell you about the Prescott case . We have left Prescott for what we consider to be good reasons and we are anxious to see you that you may present the case to the Board.

Will you please drop me a note and tell me just when you are coming and where I can meet you.

I have written a statement concerning Prescott and forwarded it to the Board. We are now awaiting orders by telegraph. Address us at Phoenix, A.T.

Yours fraternally,  
John A. Merrill.

War Department.

Washington City.  
Dec. 21st, 1880.

Appreciating the efforts of the Rev. Sheldon Jackson in his missionary work among the Indians as Superintendent of Indian schools, I take pleasure in thus commending him to the favor of officers of the Army with whom he may come into intercourse- especially the Commanding Officers of the Military posts in New Mexico and Arizona- and will be pleased to have them extend to him such courtesies in aid of the Mission as may be practicable and proper.

Alex. Ramsey.  
Secretary of War.



Kansas City, Mo.  
Dec. 23d, 1880

Dear Brother Jackson,

I send you another box for the Indians. I hope this is the last for I am afraid the Indians will get the idea that you have bought out all the Jews in the country, and begin to think your supplies are inexhaustible. Please write to me whether the matters all come to head in the season.

Do you not pass through this city in some of your trans migrations? If so please call at 1515 Bridge St. There are many things to be said. One of my boys is now home from Galveston and reports that you are going about on cruises in consequence of a lady's misconduct. I hope the matter is not serious. Please send a postal at least to let me know if you received all these packages.

Ever your fraternally,  
T. Hill.

Sitka, Alaska.

Dec. 23d, 1880.

Dear Dr. Jackson,

I can only write you a short letter this time, besides what I wrote a few days ago for the P. M. P., if you saw fit to insert it. The steamer was later by several days, than usual and so is in a hurry to leave. We received a good larger mail. A good many things were sent for the Indians Christmas and we hope to raise some more next year. We would be happier if we were sure of raising all understand the true cause for our business on that day. I will not say anything now than I have indicated concerning the general work. I am sorry to state to you that there seems to be no other way for us than to give up this post. Mrs. Spoon's health is such that the doctor says she could not remain in this climate. She has been very sick during this month. As soon as the stormy weather is over, unless there is a marked change in her, we shall go down the coast, for we cannot afford to live apart and I think it would be wrong for her to remain and suffer so. It makes us sick at heart to think of this, however soon it might be necessary for us to leave the work would not stop and Mr. Austin would gladly receive an appointment to do the work. I feel satisfied he would do it better than I have been able to do it. This would save the expense of sending another immediately. Mr. A. could be commissioned as teacher and his services are often needed now in the school, and if the Industrial School is a success he would be needed in addition to a missionary.

I hope to hear of his appointment before I have to leave. We will try and remain until the stormy weather is over somewhat. Hope I may hear from you in reply to this



before I have to go.

Mrs. L. unites in kindest regards to yourself and family.

Yours in the Gospel,

G. W. Lyon.

P. S. I forgot to mention that we had noticed that a box had been sent from the churches of Utica, N. Y. which was hoped to reach us before Christmas, but it did not. They also ordered an organ purchased in San Francisco and sent, but it did not come either but it is good to know that they are expected. This results from Captain Beardsley's lecture in that place. I have some statistics on Indians that I shall try and get time to copy and send you.

G. W. L.

23 Centre St., New York.  
Dec. 23d, 1880

Mrs. J. D. Perkins,  
Sante Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Mrs. Perkins:-

I do not wonder that you want to know what to do. Perhaps Dr. Kendall has written you already. We are not willing to have you go on to the Navajo's Mission till Mr. Perkins reports the building ready for you. Therefore we want you just to keep on at Sante Fe for the present. We suppose Mr. Perkins would go to the Navajo Agency first and see exactly what is needed there and report to us and Dr. Jackson. Miss H. H. Phillips, now at Three Rivers, Michigan is appointed as matron in the new boarding school where you and Mr. Perkins expect to be. Miss Phillips will probably come to Sante Fe and help you in the school there until you go on together to your new station. It is possible she may go else where while waiting but this is the plan at present. We do not know of any teachers as being commissioned for Sante Fe.

In any case do not move until the way is prepared. Mr. Perkins will consult of course with Dr. Jackson as to what there is to be done at your new mission and let us know.

My love to Willie. Yours very truly,

F. H. H. Haines, Sec.

23 Centre St., New York  
Dec. 12th, 1880

Mrs. Perkins,

Dear Madam:-

I have seen Mrs. Graham this A. M. My idea was that you would retain charge of the school and the buildings till we had made other arrangements with Mr. McGaughey or others to



to take it off your hands, and till your husband shall have the buildings in order among the Navajos. I supposed he would go forward, furnished with authority from the government and when ready to open the school would send for you. Meanwhile we could make arrangements with Mr. McGaughey if possible to take charge of the school. If we should succeed in obtaining teachers by the time you were ready to go to the Navajos it would all work happily, but no negotiations have been made with Mr. McGaughey because we supposed time enough would elapse before you would be called away. I shall write Mr. McGaughey at once.

Yours truly,  
H. Randall.

23 Centre St. N.Y.  
Dec. 24th, 1860.

Dear Bro Jackson:

Perhaps it was unfortunate that you had your mail sent to Albuquerque instead of Santa Fe, where you may have finished up a lot of business before getting your mail which had gone further on. I say may have gone further on, for from what I hear, matters in Santa Fe are in a different shape from what I expected they would be at this time.

I supposed Mr Perkins would go forward to the Navajos, and complete the buildings for his wife is no use there until she can open the school. Meanwhile, she would retain the charge of the school and Buildings at Santa Fe and keep things right along. During that time we could make negotiations with McGaughey as to the school, show what the ladies and the Board wish and see if they can make a contract with him and if so, give him time to bring on his teachers and take the school when Mrs. Perkins leaves. A letter was shown me today by Mrs. Graham which indicates that Mrs. Perkins is going to leave soon, that Mr. McGaughey and his family have already taken possession of the school property and that too without a word of contract or bargain or anything of the sort as to the school. The whole thing is quite incomprehensible to me and while I do not mean to cast the blame anywhere it looks to me as though someone had blundered sadly. If you can spare time to give me the true inwardness of the case, wish you would.

2. Miss Ross seems to doubt the necessity of another teacher at H. and so Miss McKean goes to Fillmore, Utah.

3. Mrs. Daly has returned to Suni, Wednesday and that disposes of Miss Truwell.

4. We think to send Misses Verbeck, Phillips, and Shurtleff forward at the same time. Let Misses Shurtleff and Verbeck go on to James to gether and Miss Phillips stay at Santa Fe and assist Mrs. Perkins till they can go on to the Navajos



together. All that seemed smooth till this morning's letter to Mrs. Granan. I want light on the matter very much.

5. It seems very important that you should see Thompson at Mesilla, for these reasons, mainly he has Shakespere on the brain, now he writes about Clifton close on the line and El Paso and other points and because Merrill has left Prescott and is now at Phoenix awaiting my orders. He speaks of Harshaw, El Paso. Perhaps you will make your trip into Arizona far enough to meet him, but that is not necessary. Can you locate and use him? If so hit him at Phoenix where Myer is also in a state of discouragement. Perhaps you can see them both, perhaps neither; but if it seems to you good there are two men for you if you think it best to pull out Mezer.

Wishing you and Mrs. J. the compliments of the season, I remain

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

P. S. I think I will telegraph to Merrill, "Dr. Jackson will communicate with you from New Mexico." so if you want him any where down there you can telegraph him at once, or if not you can write him.

Moqui A. T.  
Dec. 27, 1880

Dear Bro:

Yours of the 5th duly received and we are most sorry of the accident with which you met and much disappointment not to have you with us. I suppose I am to address you at Albuquerque yet, so will answer your letter at once so as to have it ready whenever we may send a rail. It is almost two weeks since we sent last mail, but I trust one will go soon. Mr. S. is anxious to save the Department what he can, and so unless he has personal need of sending a rail he withholds it notwithstanding that the appropriation has been made for a weekly mail. Now I still think it more than doubtful about your getting even one Moqui child for the school at this time but there is to be a general disbursement of goods next Friday (31st) and I shall endeavor to have a conference with the chiefs at that time. I know that Mr. Sullivan will do nothing and he will be displeased if he finds out I have done anything without consulting him, but I shall get them if I can and if I get them shall find some way of getting them to you or at least to Crane's.

As I wrote you in my last letter my brother is in the Government employ here and cannot leave. He expects to be married in the spring and settle here. Is to marry a Mowment lady member of our church there, so we are in a fair way to have a society of our own making here. My wife's name is Lizzie Taylor. So much in reply to your letter.



A recent occurrence leads me to caution you not to use anything I may write you concerning Mr. Sullivan against him at the Department, for I write you and Dr. Kendall most freely, because I think you should know the exact situation, and because in future I hope there may be no such mistake and failure in nomination of agent. I suppose you frequently see Dr. Lowrie and he ought to know how we are imposed upon by these random nominations of the churches. But are but few men who would wish this position and of the few a very small per cent is fit for the place. The present agent has taken this position as a kind of help to money making. His son is now here and will probably do most of the business while the father looks out for a good mine or some other speculation, and it really seems to me that almost the sole object of moving the agency over to Sunset is to put himself in a way to get into more extensive business, as he firmly believes that Sunset will be the chief business place on the R. M. for some years. Now although I think him totally unfit for the position even if he gave himself wholly to the business yet I do not think it best to make any complaint to the Department. Hence the caution or rather request as I do not suppose you need the caution. He generally tries to be agreeable to us and does much for our accommodation, but the other day I was down there and found him some what surley and out of humor and almost every said that was said to seemed to irritate him the more. Finally he said, "Well I'm going to run this agency". (these were about the words he used when he received your letter concerning the children for the school) I told him that I presumed he would, but I did not understand this insinuation. He then berated me sorely for abusing him and meddling with his affairs and seemed the more exasperated when I coolly demanded further explanation. He then produced a communication from the Department containing in quotation marks a number of charges against Herritt and requesting him to give the matter careful investigation. As I was reading the letter he continued, saying that after he had taken me into his house for me to write laws about Mr. Herritt when I knew that he was only keeping him temporarily was very unkind. I said a good many truths that I would not have uttered but for the occasion. When I had finished the letter I allowed that it was all true to which he consented, I then told him that I had no knowledge of the source of the letter, and that I did not remember to have written Mr. Herritt's name in but one letter and that without epithet. He then begged my pardon most extravagantly and has been more of a fawner than ever. If he had the power I should dislike very much to be under him, but as I am altogether independent of him he begins to realize that he may as well come down on a level with me, especially as he begins to fear that my opinion may be worth something. He has had the idea that he is lord of this little spot and that he could appoint teachers of his choice



and intimated that he would have his wife appointed as lady teacher, but I think he begins to see and the light hurts his eyes. His clerk has arrived and we are well pleased with in thus far. He appears a quiet consistent christian and we hope he will prove a valuable addition to our society. His father is here with him and upon their request we had services at the agency yesterday morning in form of Bible reading. The first public religious service in the canon. It was very interesting and I trust will prove beneficial.

Fraternally,

Charles A. Taylor.

P. S. At last the contract for the stringers and boards for roof for school building is let. He assures me that the building will be ready by first of April 1881 but if properly finished I place it for 1882. When he gets boards he will find the estimate will fall short 500 or 1000 or I miss my guess and so with other things. But he is going to "run the agency". He intimated to me the other day that he would make the doors and windows each of old boxes ("to save the Government expenses.")

Pueblo Agency.  
Santa Fe, N. M.  
Dec. 29, 1880

Sheldon Jackson, M. D.  
Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th inst I have to inform you that the invoices of goods for which you receipted are intended for your own use. Bureaus, washstands, and coal stoves will be delivered at the depot tomorrow for shipment to you. We have no pipe that will fit the coal stoves. I do not succeed in finding any roll of blankets belonging to you. Are you sure you left one here? I send by today's express the communion set that you mention.

I will write Laguna and Acoma a letter for Dr. Kenaul's use in getting children for Albuquerque and Carlisle schools. Before writing the letter for your use at Isleta, I wish you would tell me whether the two boys from the Pueblo were taken home to remain or only for a visit. If they are not to return what reason was assigned by the persons coming for them. There will be no use in sending a letter to the present Governor, and if the family to which the two boys mentioned above belong have taken their children out permanently, I must know how to approach them.

Very respectfully,

Ben. M. Thomas.

U. S. Ind. Agent.



Uinta Valley Agency.  
White Rocks, Utah.  
Dec. 27, 1860

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.  
Rev. and Dear Bro:-

Your very acceptable package of newspapers has just reached me. Many thanks for your kind consideration, I appreciate all such very much. We are isolated here very much, two hundred miles from Salt Lake City and one hundred and fifty miles from Green River City on the northeast. We have no mail except as we write and pay for having it carried from here to Green River. This we do occasionally some subscribing as much as five dollars for each trip. Major Critchlow has been very dilatory in getting the school house ready. School has not commenced yet. I met the Major at Salt Lake City, found it difficult to procure any kind of a conveyance to the agency, but fortunately fell in with two teamsters going to Uintah with freight, accompanied them. One of them had an extra horse. This I was offered and took without saddle or bridle rode the two hundred miles except the distance I travelled on foot to keep from freezing. We crossed over 50 streams all of which were frozen. With an axe in hand I went ahead and cut all open for the wagons to pass getting my feet not only wet but boots filled with ice water which was anything but comfortable. The weather during the trip was intensely cold, and the snow deep, which rendered our progress slow, but with the exception of some of the wagons breaking through bridges we arrived at the agency all well.

The letter I received from Dr. Kendall appraising me of my appointment lay at Elko over four weeks before I got it, on receiving it I telegraphed to Mrs. McCulloch who was at our home in Col. but not fully comprehending the situation and me not taking time to write an explanation as both Dr. Kendall and Major Critchlow telegraphed to me to start immediately supposing me to be with my family at Elko. Alone I started for Salt Lake City. It was much better Mrs. McCulloch and her three years old babe did not come, having to travel so far in such weather with an uncovered wagon, would have been too much for them. Miss Ayer and myself will be all that will be needed this winter and the Board will be saved Mrs. McC's expense.

I have to thank you dear brother for your interest in us strangers as we are to you, but your name is a household word thought of and mentioned with admiration by all frontiers ministerial pioneers especially of our beloved Zion.

Your brother in Christ,  
W. McCulloch.



White Rocks, Utah.  
 Uintah Agency,  
 Dec. 29, 1880

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We expected to have gotten the mail off yesterday or day before, but have not been able to do so yet. It is hard amongst so few to get means enough to have it carried to Green River City and back.

Now our school enterprise is going to succeed at first I cannot say. Major Critchlow (inter nos) I am sorry to say is exceedingly unpopular both with Indians and with whites. He has been relieved of office once or twice here, but managed to get in again. The Indians dislike him so much they will not accede to any proposition he may make if they can avoid it. They say they will not allow their children to go to school because he wishes it. They have drawn their pistols on him to shoot him, and whites employees have had fist fights with him repeatedly. I had scarcely got here when he commenced his tyrannical meanness with myself, but after bearing it as long as I could stand it I very quickly made him stop it. Out of his own immediate family it seems he has not a friend in the territory. One thing I believe and that is he is stricly honest as long as he is over them I fear little can be done with the Indians. These facts I am cognizant of, and mention them confidently to you.

I read, "The Counsel Fire," and "R. M. Presbyterian", with a great deal of interest, both I consider are doing a glorious work for God and for our country as well as for humanity and the salvation of immortal souls. What a change for the better during the last thirty years, since I first went to Col.!! And to no man in our church are we more indebted than to yourself. Providence conatituted you for such work. I was ordained I believe for the roughest and most trying of frontier life, and I have had my share of it.

We will be pleased to hear from you either directly or indirectly. With many prayers for your prosperity temporally and spiritually, I am again dear brother

Yours fraternally,  
 Robt. McCulloch.

Santa Fe, New Mexico.  
 Dec. 30, 1880

Dear Sir and Brother:

Mr. Perkins is very busy this morning and desires me to say to you that he wishes you to write at once for the privilege of repairing the boiler of saw mill and provide new flues for the same. Mr. Perkins thinks the flues are probably not taken care of, that it might be condemned and sold probably, if such is the case make your plans at once



for buying it, for the use of the school. Mr. Perkins understanding such machinery very well would make it as good as new with new flues, without them it has no value. We are anxious to be there. Our work has ceased here with the Christmas tree. It was a charming success. Mr. Sage from Pueblo sent us a good many things by express which have not reached us as yet. The expressman here say the Co. will have to make good the amount.

We have been out at the Indian village of Le Suque to learn more of the Indian life. al so to claim some promises made by them to me sometime ago about sending their children to school. They have a new Roman Catholic church there and seem to be completely under the influence of the priests. I send you a letter from Mrs. Haines, she speaks of a matron. I am writing her saying that you left the matter of matron to me and unless my sister can come, she wishes to come in the spring if her health permits give me four Navajo women at \$12.50 per month, or two men and two women and no matron. Mr. Perkins and myself earnestly request you not to send us another matron until we have a place for one. I send you a letter just now from Dr. K. Mr. and Mrs. McCaughey are both in good health and ought to take the school, it is in charming interest. Such a whitened field I have not known. We are truly thankful that it has been our lot to work for a while among these dear children. Mr. Perkins asks again that you will secure that saw mill for the school as it will offord us an opportunity that it is possible to have an Industrial school in the midst of the Indian people with a cash value attached to the labor that shall in time relieve the board of the expense of the school. At the saw mill he can put the men to work as well as large boys and gain an influence over them more quickly than by books.

We are now ready to go at a very few days notice. Will write to the agent at Albuquerque today. Will you please speak to him also. We are trying to get teams but there are not many in Santa Fe.

Remember us to Mrs. Jackson. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. D. Perkins.

P. S. "Nellie's" reports for three months are perfect.

We are familiar with many of those Navajo words and look forward to the use of them with much interest. We know the way is not strewn with fragrant flowers all the way, but it is the trials and the difficulties that develope us after all, so let it come as best it seemeth in God's sight. We grieve to leave these children.



23 Centre st, N. Y.  
Dec. 30, 1880

Rev. Fr. Jackson,  
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am so glad to hear from you. Your ideas and mine as to the allotment of teachers quite agree and I hope since your letter has come, the Com. of the Board and ours will agree to send Miss Crowell to Zuni, only you say nothing about Mrs. Faly's having come back to her school; this has given us the idea that no one is needed at Zuni now; so you will have to write again on this subject. Miss Verbeck 131 Second St. Troy, N. Y. wants to know just what school furniture etc, she needs for Hot Springs. The friends there at Troy are raising money for her. I have written to her to wait until hearing from you before making any purchases, that probably you could order from Chicago at lower rates. Do you know exactly of a place where she can go to board on arrival for a few days? If not, do you know of rooms for her? Where can a stove be bought? Should it be a cooking stove? When she arrives do keep her at Albuquerque till she can be made decently comfortable at Hot Springs. Is she to teach in Spanish? I thought not when she asked, still it may be best for her to study at Albuquerque for two or three weeks; you will have to judge.

Much to Miss Hurtleff's surprise she received an appointment without previous correspondence from the Congregational Board Boston, for Utah. I telegraphed her to wait, that we considered her engaged for Jemez, but though I have also written no answer has come yet. It seems quite a wonder you were able to find a building so large as the ground plan shows for the Pueblo school. I wish some one would report what bedding has arrived and from where. We really do not know much about Coate and Zuni as to whether chapels are paid for etc.

Now about Albuquerque you said something about a church there. Is there money on hand towards it? How much more is needed? When will it be wanted? Do you and Mrs. Jackson keep yourselves comfortable?

I was directed to write to Mrs. Perkins to stay at Santa Fe until Mr. Perkins reported a place was ready at the Navajo Mission and that Miss Phillips was to stay with Mrs. Perkins at Santa Fe and both go on to Arizona together. You write as if the mission school could be started sooner than you supposed.

Yours very truly,  
W. P. H. Haines,  
Sec'y.



Cherry Vale, Mt. Somery Co.  
Kansas.

Dec. 30, 1880

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dear Bro. in Christ:

I have been sued on the two notes that I gave to Calvin Camp for borrowed money \$120 to pay Mr. T. F. Arthur the balance due on plastering and \$100 to pay balance due on seats Mr. Jonas Myers went in equally on this note but he is now gone away. These notes call for two per cent per month and the cost and all amount to over five hundred dollars. On the \$100 note \$50 was paid by the church, but instead of subtracting the \$50 from the face of the note they subtracted it from the interest. Also on the \$120 note there is a credit of \$50 bearing a certain date which date is false and the amount is less \$2. It should be \$52 and the date of the credit should be the same as the date of the note because it is money that I earned in working a lode for my self and camp in which he was one fourth owner and he agreed to pay one fourth of the expense. Now to the best of my knowledge the work was partly done before and partly after the note was given which entitled me to a credit of the same date of the note. After the work was all done Mr. Camp offered to pay me for it but I said no let it stand and if the church pays those notes then you may pay me and if the church don't pay then I'll turn it on the note. Hence it stood in that way until I was about to move away from Idaho. Mr. Camp and I had a talk and I told him to give me that credit of \$52 being equal date with the note and when I got the balance of my money I would pay him. However just before my money became due he sued me and got a judgement by default. Now if the interest was calculated according to the rules of simple interest and the date and credit made right it would save me between one and two hundred dollars. But as the note would have been outlawed without something to renew it, Mr Camp's memory became rather bad and hence he fixwd a date to suit his own purpose. Now my dear Brother Jackson, you are the only one that can help me out and hence I write to you.

Could you not sell one of the lots and in that way raise the money, the church would still have two lots and the house

Take my plea just as I have presented it. Ist, the plastering was engaged when the money was in Cap. Dean's hand but when the work was done he said he wanted to keep the money to pay for the seats and he absolutely refused to pay. I tried to collect on old subscription but could not raise it all. Mr Arthur threatened to sell the church if he did not get the money. I went to the trustees John Roberts, Camp and Dean and asked them what to do, and after quite a consultation, Mr Camp proposed to lend the money if I would give my individual note. I agreed to that and got the money.

Shortly after that the seats came to the depot and we



could not get them because Capt. Dean had used the money and could not raise it. Mr Myers our deacon came to me and proposed to borrow the hundred dollars if I would sign the note with him. Now leaving all this out of view, I have said over and above between \$400. and \$500. and now to have to pay \$500 yet is very hard, especially as I am getting to be very much broken down in health and property. As I failed to get the balance on the property the parties letting the property fall back to me and all I could do with it was to put it into the hands of other parties to be sold. Now for about two weeks we have not been able to attend to business. My wife is very feeble in health and if we are compelled to pay the \$500., it is liable to take all we have left of our 15 years toll.

But then we are not without consolation, we feel that if we are called to suffer here, the Lord knows just how much is best and we leave it with him.

If you should go to Idaho to see about the matter, if you will call on Lawyer Cole (who is Mr Camp's attorney) he will show you the papers from which you can obtain exact knowledge of the case?

Now, my dear Bro. if you can do anything, I will feel un- great obligations to you.

Your true friend and humble servant,  
George Rice.

Kansas City, Mo.  
Dec. 30 1850.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have sent you three large boxes to-day marked for the "Pueblo Mission". I hope this is the last for if it keeps on you will need to send down a new lot of wild Indians to find candidates for the clothing. But when you get through there, there will be room enough in the Indian Territory if the Home Board will follow up the openings come before it. If the Home Board was ready to take hold I think the whole Choctaw and perhaps Chickesaw people would be open to us.

The Poncas have no one at all of any denomination laboring among them, and I received a letter from the Kaw agency yesterday, saying that they wanted a Presbyterian Missionary there. The Quakers have schools there, but are ready to invite the Presbyterians to come and form a church there.

One of the ridiculous things that come to hand this week is a letter from Diffinbaugh, a Foreign Board's man at Lapwai Idaho, saying "If Lawrer goes to the Indian Territory I insist that he be supported by the Foreign Board" I wrote to him and asked what right he had to insist on any such thing. I stated to him that I had written to Dr. Lowrie and published in the Evangelist that the F.B. ought to take the Nez. Perces



though that no effort whatever had be made to do so.

Wishing you success in all your work, I am

Yours truly,

T. Hill.

P. S. I have sent the letters for you to answer.

Kansas City, Mo.

Dec. 31, 1930

Dear Bro. Jackson:

The accompanying documents tell this our story, but I think there must be some mistake about it, as I know of no reason why a box for Ft. Wangle should come this way.

What shall I do with it? Are not the Indians all boxed by this time?

I write the compliments of the New Year to you, although it will not reach you quite on time,-

Yours truly,

T. Hill.

Ottawa, Ill.

December, 1890

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Ed. Rocky Mountain Presbyterian,  
Denver, Col.

As Chairman of the Committee, appointed by the Illinois State Testimonial Association, to select a representative of the Press and Clergy of your State, I address you for your autographs, with which I trust you will favor Mrs. President Hayes (Encircular) Please respond promptly.

Yours truly,

Mrs. J. L. Scott, Sec'y

Lancaster, Pa.

June 15, 1898

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of present date received. Thanks for your interest in me etc. In reply I have written the Secretary of War for a chaplaincy. My faith for an appointment is not very strong, and will not be disappointed if none comes.

When the history of New Mexico church (Presbyterian) is written up the generation that will follow us will have some doubts if such a people existed. The schools, churches, railroads, and new citizens will work for a higher type of civilization and christianity. I give the description of the place and people as I found them nearly twenty years ago. I presume



great improvements have taken place since you were there. I remember well the Indian trouble and narrow escapes and abusive language, used on that memorable trip. I cannot even to this day understand why there should be such wishes and language used by the Mexicans and others towards the interest you took in the education of the Indians and Mexicans. Those times were very trying to faith.

I enclose you an account of the New Mexicans and the difficulties of mission work among them. The account of our trip will recall old times. You will no doubt have impressions that may be more accurate, and can preface the subject, more suitable for record. I could give the names of some of the men who were anxious to kill all the Indians, and also you and your wife who were taking Pima and Apache children to Hampton. Just to think of my going every two months to my appointment at Shakespere nearly two hundred miles and driving over the plains, sleeping on the ground and not seeing a pale face during the whole distance. Dance House, saloons, and drunken raids I hope have gone. I presume you are aware our old stage driver was killed by the Indians from Messilla and Silver City shortly after you left. He was a very peculiar man. When I recall the scenes and incidents of Southern New Mexico life, I sometime think I was living out of the world amid a lower class of human beings, strange customs, and a peculiar type of humanity. The dumping ground of many noted characters driven from eastern civilization, now amalgamated with a degraded race; yes the gospel can reach them.

Your brother in mission work,  
Thomas Thompson.

Pioneer mission work in Southern New Mexico. Characters and Customs of the people. Attempt to way lay and murder Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon Jackson and a party of Apache and Pima children en route north for an education.

By

Rev. Thomas Thompson.

Presbyterian Missionary in Southern New Mexico, 1880

In 1880 I was appointed a Home Missionary and assigned to Southern New Mexico. Myself wife and son and daughter arrived safely at La Messilla after a journey from New York of ten days travel, from New York to Las Vegas we travelled by Railroad from there to Albuquerque we journeyed on a construction train which was then the terminus of the Santa Fe and Atchison Railroad; from there we took the overland stage and travelled two nights and three days by stage stopping only to change horses; arriving at Messilla we were met by the citizens of that ancient town. All the houses were built of adobe and mostly all had but one room and dirt floors, no



windows, to these houses among the poor classes there beds were skins of animals thrown on the floors and nearly all of them slept at night with the same clothes on that they wore during the day. Very few of the women wore bonnets and nearly all went barefooted. The town contained over a thousand inhabitants and being settled by the Spaniards nearly three hundred years ago there had never been a school where the children could be educated. There was one Roman Catholic Church in the place but never had any Jews in the church. They were either compelled to remain on their knees or sit on the earthen floor. I found the priest a very intelligent man and after regretted that the people were so ignorant and so little enterprise among them. They plowed their land with a crooked stick drawn by cows or donkeys with all the most primitive kinds of harness. The grain was cut with a sickle and mostly all the work was done by the women. The thrashing floor was the bare ground and grain was trodden out either by horses or goats and winnowed by beating up the grain for the wind to drive the chaff away. I found families who were grinding their corn in a mortar by nibbling the grain with one stone in an other hollow one. There were little clay ovens heated by burning old brush within them and when heated enough the bread was placed in the oven. Many houses had no tables or chairs, all took seats on the dirt floors. There was no stoves nor fireplaces, when the room was heated wood was placed in one corner and the smoke pass out through an opening in the roof. The people residing there consisted of a mixture of Spanish, Americans, Indians and negroes and very few could claim one nationality as their origin. Into this motley crew we started a school and church. The Roman Catholics soon followed with a school. The Americans who came to locate in the place soon formed a new society and a new era of improvements began. At Los Cruces a few miles from Mesilla was another town containing more Americans, but gave very little attention to religious subjects. Maria secured a house that would answer for school and church and we decided to hold religious services. Considering the class there the work was of a very difficult kind. On my way from Mesilla to Los Cruces crossing the old river bed it was a common scene to find women bathing (naked) in the river and at Los Cruces I have seen men Sabbath afternoon bathing going in and naked when there were men, women and girls standing by looking at them. The first afternoon I held services at Los Cruces so one came the stores being all open. I went to see why they did not come and was informed they did not want any preaching and gave their views that they wanted to be Jews and make all the money they could and would run their chances for the other world. The Mexicans as a class gave very little attention to those who were sick rolling over the dirt floor. I have seen them carried out, for burial on a board and if small children often carried out by the brother or sister with the board on their head. I attended one burial where



the grave was dug ten feet deep and the child was buried in it and the place was in a barn yard, near the house. Most of the milk they used was goat's milk and the butter was made from it. The water from the Rio Grande was filled with sediments so much so it was not fit for use until it was allowed to settle. No crops could be successfully grown without irrigation. For months there is no rain nor a cloud to be seen. The people are exceedingly indolent, treacherous and noted gamblers and not given to purity of life. Nearly all carried pistols and dirks and killing one for trivial affairs was common. I have seen men publicly hung and others who would boast they had killed a man for every year they were old. With this imperfect and not over colored picture our missionaries are called to work. Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D. was General Missionary of this vast region of country, to organize schools and churches among this people was no easy task. To try and reach the Indians naturally brought at once a protest from the Americans and Mexicans for the Indians were hated and sought for only to be killed.

On one occasion Dr. Jackson was requested by the U. S. Government to procure a number of Indian children from the Pima and Apache tribes of Arizona and take them to Hampton, Va. for an education.

The Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. building from the north was completed to San Marcial, N. M. and the Southern Pacific railway building from California eastward had reached Deming, leaving an uncompleted gap of about 150 miles which had to be traversed by stage and private conveyance. While en route between railways Dr. Jackson and wife stop at my house at Mesilla to arrange for two, four mule teams to meet him and his party of Indian children at the end of the Southern Pacific R. R. and convey them across the wilderness to the end of the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. At the time a band of Apaches were on the war path raiding New Mexico and killing all whom they could reach both Mexicans and Americans. When the plan of the Government to take Apache children north and educate them became known at Mesilla and Las Cruces it created great excitement, and it was openly counseled on the streets that Dr. Jackson and all his party of Indian children should be killed. The feeling ran so high that plans were laid to waylay and shoot them as they drove through a lonely ravine on their way across the country between railways and lay the blame on the Apaches. Learning of the danger I accompanied the waggon to the end of the track and there waited the arrival of Dr. Jackson and party. The construction train with Dr. Jackson aboard reached the end of the track at midnight. The children were hurried into the waiting waggon and we were off. Leaving the natural route of travel, a detour was made thus avoiding the party lying in ambush and by forced driving Mesilla was reached about noon and on the evening of the second day the party was safe in



a camp of U. S. soldiers that had been telegraphed from Washington to protect the party. Some days and nights were times of great anxiety to me. The Apaches were out on the war path, the place was filled with rumblings. The old stage driver was shot shortly afterwards and there was never a day afterwards that I did not watch carefully the movements of those who were constantly threatening to kill the Indians and all their sympathizers. I have often wondered if those young men and girls who were awakened at night in the train and rushed into those wagons and driven with so much speed along the Rio Grande understood why we wanted to reach Mesilla. Nineteen years has passed since that memorable time, and the incidents connected with it has made many deep impressions upon my mind. When Dr. Jackson and the Indians left Mesilla to reach the railroad I had many visitors from the citizens asking questions, what we were going to do with them, some were so delated that they were under the impression that we were to educate them in implements of warfare, that they might return able to lead people to be more troublesome to the white settlers. As sympathizers are with the poor Indians and I think we as a church should send more teachers into those dark sections of our own land. The work done by Dr. Jackson and the material he worked with has never been fully appreciated by the citizens of the other sections of our land. I have written you in a way in which you will see I have not forgotten the trying time through which you have passed and I rejoice in knowing that you are spending your life to see some of the darkness among the Indians disappearing and a new era of gospel power prevailing.

You are at liberty to use this letter as you think best. Nearly all the old men who preached out their lives against the Indian and those who are trying to christianize them have gone. The worst one who again and again told us there was no future and we were like a limb of the tree cut off and that was all there was of life has gone. How bitter he was. I am afraid he died as he lived and gone unprepared to meet the Judge.

Yours fraternally,  
Thomas Thompson.

Lancaster, Pa.  
June 15, 1898.



715  
Missoula, Montana Territory,  
Nov. 18, 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Dear Friend:

Your postal of Nov. 4th came to hand a few days ago. I was very glad to hear from you again. In regard to the buggy you will remember that I have to ford a good many deep streams sometimes mid sides to my horses, so need a buggy pretty well up in the world. The freight too is high and the wear severs as I have 200 miles per month driving to fill my appointments. Then twice a year a long trip to the Presbytery, so need a good buggy.

I am glad you secured a minister for Miles City for it was needed. Henning has left Deer Lodge and Smith gone from Helena, so again we are weak in forces. We do not propose to accept McMillian for a Supt. in Montana. I do not know yet what we shall do. In regard to action of Presbytery last Feb., Geo. G. Smith and Russell joined together hand in glove against you. I spoke in your defence but they managed to get a majority and pass the paper which Smith and Russell wrote between them. then so managed affairs as to pass it as it was. Several things I objected to, but without avail. I have since been sorry that I allowed my name to appear on the report. But the pressure brought to bear was such that I could not well help it. Russell has fought you and always both in public and private, hence the feeling taht is strongly against you in this Territory. I think there will be a strong reversion one of these days. Smith took great responsibility upon himself. Hewitt and I stood together for you and held the upper hand as long as he stayed in the Territory. You have lost a supporter here in his removal from the Territory. I wish he could come back to us.

I would like very much to see you and have a long talk with you about the work here. It is as you say a drag now and will be until we again have some one to help us.

Write me when you can. Kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.

Yours truly,

M. L. Cook.















